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BULGANIN WANTS A COMPROMISE

COMMENT OF THE DAY

BLOSSOMS REMOVED

ON the eve of the new session of the National People's Congress in Peking the secateurs snipped again, and more of the "flowers" that blossomed last May were removed from Chinese officialdom. This time the snip toppled three ministers and more than fifty other officials.

Charges against the ministers followed the now familiar pattern—betrayal of principles of the constitution and loss of the confidence of the masses.

The allegations stem from criticisms of the regime made at the request of Chairman Mao Tse-tung when he called for "free expression of thought" at a time when things were not going too well with the economy of the country.

Of the three ministries affected, those of communications and the timber industry can look with no small degree of pride to success under the first Five-year Plan under the guidance of their now deposed chiefs, Chang Po-chun and Lo Lung-chi.

Their removal from office at this late stage — many months after the statements attributed to them were made—inclines one to look deeper for a reason for dismissal, especially when their fall into disfavour is followed by the dismissal of 10 deputies by local congresses and thirty-eight others ordered to stay away from the NPC pending their formal dismissal. Charges against some are that they "plotted against the Peking regime."

Not Members

THE majority of those dismissed are members of the Revolutionary Committee of the Kuomintang—rightist fellow travellers with the Communists but outside the hard core of the Party. Two of the ministers were not even members of the Party.

Many deposed are from the south and southwest, areas which have never given one hundred per cent adherence to dictates from Peking. To mention a few—General Lung Yun, Vice-Chairman of the Revolutionary Committee, is a former Governor of Yunnan; Cheng Ming-hsu is a former Governor of Canton; Huang Shao-hung is a former Governor of Kwangtung, and Huang Chi-shiang was a powerful military commander in the south for many years.

All were the political enemies of Chiang Kai-shek and disaffected from the Nationalist banner when the Communist drive to oust Chiang started.

Opposition

SINCE that time those now dismissed have been the "opposition party" in Peking and in the transition period were of incalculable value to Chairman Mao in his efforts to unify the country. It appears now that Mao Tse-tung feels a greater degree of confidence in his ability to govern with his hard core and latest dismissals remove from the scene many of those of more moderate persuasion who "flowered" out of season last spring.

The inclusion of many southerners, all members of the Revolutionary Committee who can command a large following in the south and southwest, in the latest little list could also have been prompted by concern born of the recent utterances of Premier U Nu of Burma in which he was strongly critical of the Marxist doctrine. Mao needs a solid, fully committed Communist flank in the south and southwest.

Foot Warns Of Renewed Eoka Violence

Nicosia, Feb. 2.

Sir Hugh Foot, the Governor of Cyprus, tonight broadcast a warning of "the grave threat of the imminent resumption of Eoka violence."

He added: "If further violence occurs there can be no possible hope of progress of any kind."

Sir Hugh Foot said that during the past few weeks information had been coming in indicating that the Eoka terrorist organisation had made detailed plans for a renewal of violence.



SIR HUGH FOOT
We Must Not Hesitate

"I felt it my duty to inform you all of this grave threat," he said.

"In the case of a renewal of violence it would be immediately essential to take every possible means to deal with it and finish with it.

"There can be no question of business as usual. Nothing will matter as much as the need to take every possible step to bring violence to a speedy end.

"We must not hesitate to take those steps even if they mean the dislocation of everyday life and even if in consequence innocent people have to suffer."—Reuter.

Kidnapped

Constantine, Feb. 2.

A group of 30 Moslem workers and their European foreman were kidnapped by Algerian rebels last Thursday at a works some five miles northwest of Tizi Nbechar in the Kerrata area about 45 miles from Setif, it was disclosed today.—France-Presse.

Sends Third Letter To Eisenhower

By DONALD J. GONZALES

Washington, Feb. 2.

Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin sent a new letter to President Eisenhower today, apparently expanding on his proposal for a heads-of-state meeting as soon as possible.

British Reply Will Have Reservations

London, Feb. 2.

The British reply to the letter of Soviet Premier, Nikolai Bulganin, which will probably be delivered in Moscow at the end of this week, will only accept the principle of a summit conference while maintaining some reservations, an informed British source said today.

The text of the reply is to be submitted to the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation's permanent committee on Wednesday.

The source said the reply would be drawn up in general terms and would avoid proposals which might appear as the beginning of an Anglo-Soviet dialogue and thus imply a divergency of view with Washington.

Confused

The British position as regards the summit conference appeared confused during the past week, partly owing to the absence on a Commonwealth tour of Prime Minister, Harold Macmillan, and at the Bagdad Pact Conference of Foreign Secretary, Selwyn Lloyd.

The Foreign Secretary, however, returned yesterday, after seeing the American Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles, at Ankara, and it now appears unlikely that the British reply will incorporate views different to those of Britain's allies.

An informed source said that the reply will not put forward a date for a conference meeting nor an agenda. It is thought here that it is now not so unlikely that a conference might be held before the autumn, but that Britain will not take upon itself to propose it.—France-Presse.

The White House and State Department said that Sergei R. Shtiganov, Charge D'Affaires, delivered the 17-page letter to the department at about 4 p.m. The White House said there would be no comment until after the letter is fully translated sometime tomorrow.

Compromise

It was the third in a recent round of Bulganin letters calling for a summit meeting. But the latest letter was said to have an air of compromise about it.

Mr Bulganin apparently was backing down on his earlier demand that the meeting be held within two or three months. The indications now are that no meeting would be held before next autumn at the earliest.

It was understood that the new Bulganin note repeated his previous proposal for "denatomising" Central Europe and for an East-West non-aggression pact.

Softening

The note also was reported to have said that Russia does not intend to discuss the status of East European satellite countries.

As an indication of softening in at least parts of the Soviet attitude the Communist Party Secretary, Nikita S. Khrushchev, told the Times of London in an interview yesterday that the proposed conference could be "postponed" if Western leaders did not want to meet "within the next two or three months."

The President laid down his attitude toward Mr Bulganin's proposal in a message on January 12 to the Soviet official. He said then he was "ready" for a summit conference provided it was preceded by a foreign ministers' conference to lay the groundwork.

Unlikely

It seemed unlikely Mr Bulganin's new letter was prompted by the launching of this country's satellite on Friday. The lengthy document presumably took longer than that to prepare and be delivered to the State Department here.

Nevertheless, US military and diplomatic officials said this country's Explorer satellite had strengthened the President's position in disarmament moves. Mr Bulganin's letter was delivered here shortly before the President returned from a weekend of golf at Augusta, Georgia.

Until now Russia has taken the position that the United States was trying to kill off the Soviet Union's powerful rockets by proposing a ban on outer space weapons. The Explorer satellite launched on Friday night was a blow at such arguments.—United Press.

Shack Burnt

Guy, Ark., Feb. 2.

Eight people, including two children, died when flames destroyed a wooden shack dwelling here today.—Reuter.

Private Planes Collide In Mid-Air

Yorba Linda, Feb. 2.

At least five persons were killed when two private planes collided in the air today in the second such mishap in Southern California skies in less than 24 hours.

A Cessna 180, which sheriff's deputies said carried two men, a woman and a small child, collided with what was believed to be a Piper Tri-Pacer.

One body, burned beyond recognition, was found in the wreckage of the Piper.

Overcast

Rescue workers did not rule out the possibility that there may be other victims to the tragedy, which occurred over a thinly-populated area.

The aerial collision last night involved two huge military planes over a heavily-populated Los Angeles suburb. Forty-eight persons were killed, one of them a woman struck by wreckage in her home.

The authorities said the sky was overcast and a drizzle started shortly after today's crash, leading to speculation that the two craft met in an overcast.—United Press.

Belinda Lee



Slips Out Of Rome

Rome, Feb. 2.

British film actress, Belinda Lee, who has been linked with the alleged attempted suicide of Papal Prince Filippo Napoleon Orsini, slipped out of Rome tonight for South Africa to resume her career.

Miss Lee raced to Ciampino Airport in a private car and was driven straight to the plane. She boarded the plane while passengers who flew in to Rome on it were getting off in an attempt to avoid photographers and newsmen.

The 22-year-old glamour girl had been in seclusion since January 25 recovering from an overdose of sleeping pills.

Orsini was found later in his apartment with his wrist slashed and police called it an "attempted suicide." The Prince is a scion of one of Italy's most aristocratic families which gave popes, cardinals and a saint to the Roman Catholic Church. He is married and has two sons.—United Press.

CANAL CO WANTS TO CONVERT ALL SHARES INTO SINGLE CLASS

London, Feb. 3.

The Suez Canal Company has announced that a scheme is being worked out for a conversion of the various classes of its shares into a single class, it was learned in London today.

The Company has called a meeting in Paris of the holders of founders' shares for February 12. They will be asked to consent to the conversion of their shares into ordinary shares of a nominal value of 11,000 francs each on the basis of 11 such ordinary shares for every 10 founders' shares held.

50 Per Cent

A quorum of 50 per cent will be required at the meeting and the resolution must be a two-thirds majority vote of those present or represented by proxy.

Failing such a quorum, a second meeting will be called by the Company when the quorum required will be 33 and a third per cent.

Sidney Gampell, Reuter's financial editor writes:

Rearrangements of the Suez Canal Company's capital structure has for some time been recognised as inevitable. As it stands the structure is so complicated that the company would hardly know how to distribute any compensation money that it may receive or even its existing assets outside Egypt if and when it regains command of them and becomes able and willing to distribute them to its shareholders.

Founder Shares

The shares of the Company as such are entitled to only 71 per cent of the profits, so that the British Government, although it owns 44 per cent of the company, is entitled to only about 31 per cent of profits.

The founders' shares and the participations are entitled to 25 per cent of the profits but their rights in any distribution of capital are obscure. This is probably the first point to be arranged.

The directors and staff are entitled to two per cent apiece but it has been thought that they might surrender these rights which are clearly out of date.

All told, the structure which was appropriate for financing a canal in 1869 has become much less appropriate for the company which has to try to obtain compensation for its canal in 1958.—Reuter.

BULLOCKY DIDN'T SWEAR!

Brisbane, Feb. 2.

Bullock driver Mickey Draper today told how he "persuaded" his bullock team to give a demonstration of log-hauling without being sworn at—specially for Mr Harold Macmillan and Lady Dorothy Macmillan.

He said when he was asked to put on a bullock show for the British Prime Minister and Dorothy Macmillan he realised it would not do to have with it the swearing exhibition for which bullockies (bullock drivers) are notorious when working their teams.

So, he said, he took the bullocks aside before the demonstration and "gave them a bit of talking to". He added "I told them they had better perform right for the Prime Minister—or else."

Australian onlookers were dumbfounded when Draper stood silently by as the bullocks hauled the logs for Mr Macmillan and Lady Dorothy at Banyuk Suka, a country property near here.—China Mail Special.

AND LATER . . .

PM Becomes Chef And Waiter

Brisbane, Feb. 2.

Mr Harold Macmillan, British Prime Minister, today turned cook and waiter at a barbecue on the country estate near here where he and his wife Lady Dorothy Macmillan are spending the weekend.

When he saw chops and steaks sizzling on an open fire at lunchtime, Mr Macmillan insisted on taking over and afterwards served his wife, and other officials who are accompanying him.

The sun came out for the Macmillans today as they drove in a Landrover around the 4,000-acre estate, at Banyuk Suka, in rugged hill country 50 miles north of Brisbane.

Mr Macmillan appeared tired after working until the early hours today.—China Mail Special.

150 Miles To Go

Wellington, Feb. 3.

Dr Vivian Fuchs and his Commonwealth trans-Antarctic party were almost 350 miles from the South Pole at their last report, said an overnight dispatch from Scott Base. The Fuchs party are about 150 miles from Depot 700.—Reuter.

Restored To Active List



General Sir Richard Gale has been appointed to succeed Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery as Deputy Supreme Allied Commander at Shape. He is sixty-one years of age. General Gale will take up his appointment on September 21. General Gale retired in March 1957—and is to be restored to the active list.

—Keystone.

New Plan To Help Lancashire

Rochdale, Feb. 3.

The Labour Party has produced a plan to help Lancashire's cotton industry to fight unfair foreign competition, Mr Harold Wilson, Labour Member of Parliament, said last night.

Mr Wilson promised that unfair competition—particularly if it were subsidised—would be met by controlling abnormal imports through centralised buying.

The main emphasis would be on increased productivity, re-equipment, tax incentives and state help.

TRAGIC LANDMARK

Mr Wilson, speaking at a Party by-election meeting here, said last year was "a tragic landmark" in Lancashire history. Imports of cotton cloth exceeded exports in the summer.

"The government have shown every sign of having written off Lancashire," he said. "They will not interfere even if Lancashire bleeds to death. We believe that Lancashire has a future."—Reuter.

Manila, Feb. 3.

Five Communist Huk followers, including wives of two outlaw leaders, were captured by a Philippine Constabulary intelligence team in a raid of their hideout in northern Isabla province on Sunday.—United Press.

Another Quake

Quito, Feb. 2.

Ecuador was shaken by new earthquakes this afternoon. The tremors, which occurred at 3.16 p.m. were especially intense in the city of Esmeraldas, where several buildings were damaged. A number of buildings damaged by previous tremors collapsed this afternoon.—United Press.

RUSSIA'S SOCCER IDOL SACKED FOR DRUNKENNESS

Moscow, Feb. 2.

Edouard Streltsov, 20-year-old star centre forward of the Soviet Union national team "United" and an idol of Russia's millions of football fans, has been sacked for drunkenness.

The national team left Moscow today to play an international match in Peking without Streltsov for the first time since this young football genius came to the fore in Soviet soccer nearly two years ago.

Komsomolskaya Pravda, newspaper of the Communist Youth Organisation, today took up the theme of drinking among young sportsmen and cited the case of Streltsov as a warning.

Cross-Country

A long feature article devoted mainly to Streltsov said:

"Some time ago United football team were going off to an important match . . . only ten minutes were left but there was no Streltsov. The football coach, V.P. Antiponok, met Streltsov and another teammate absolutely drunk. He packed them into his car and after a cross-country race of one and half hours overtook the train at Mozhaisk Town in the Moscow region.

"Comrades managed to get these two drunks into the train. However, the match ended in victory and there were no reprimands," the article continued.

"But in a month's time the same thing happened again. Streltsov is only 20 years old but everybody says it is impossible to do anything with him three years ago he was a pure honest boy who flushed at a reprimand. Today he is a 'star.'"

When in hospital recently, his mother visited him and brought not fruit or books but a bottle of Vodka. . . ."

After doctors warned him against alcohol he hung a length of rope from his window to which friends attached two more bottles of Vodka.

Expelled

The article said Streltsov was "expelled" from the national team following a scandal in a restaurant last Sunday.

It quoted his teammates as telling him his position may be open to him again when he realised his mistake. "But we don't want the Streltsov of today, a bad type and a drunkard. We want the Streltsov who started his football career pure, honest and modest."—China Mail Special.

MENON WANTS A LARGER INDIAN ARMY

Calcutta, Feb. 2.

Defence Minister V. K. Krishna Menon called today for an expanded territorial army and national cadet corps.

He said that India's Army is too small for the country's area and population.

"We live in this country not in a condition of 100 per cent security," he said in launching a series of meetings with cadets and territorial members. Later he addressed the annual conference of the All-India Defence Employees Federation.

He stressed the need of tightening Indian security. While Burma and Ceylon were "extremely friendly" neighbours and the people of Pakistan also hold friendly feelings toward India, "the same is not true regarding the Government of Pakistan, which is in a military alliance with another country."

Krishna Menon pointed to a request made by Pakistani Premier Firoz Kahn Noon at the Ankara meeting of Bagdad Pact members for atomic weapons.

"For whom are these intended?" Krishna Menon asked.

The Defence workers complained to the Defence Minister about working conditions, citing low wages, lack of job security and machinery for settling labour disputes.—United Press.

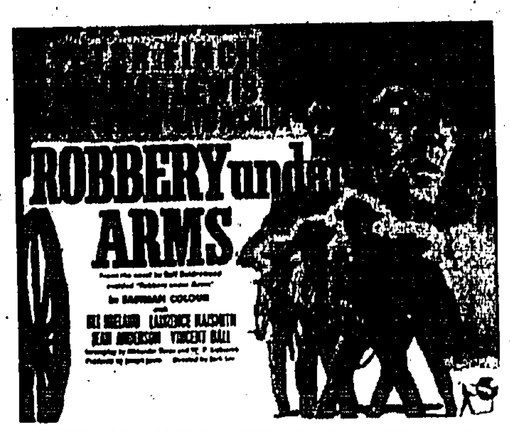
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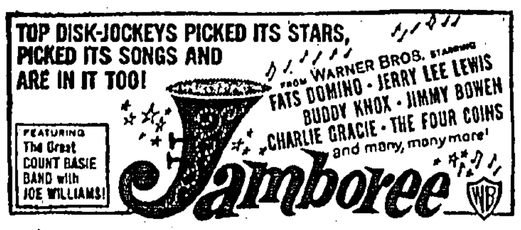
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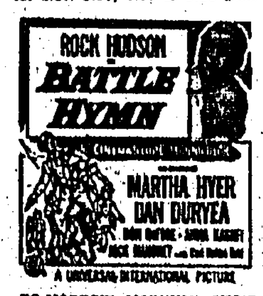
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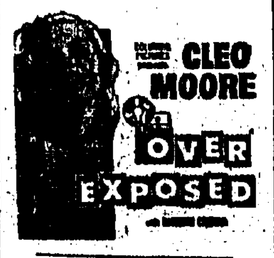


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US NAVY SET TO SEND UP SECOND SATELLITE

Cape Canaveral, Feb. 2.

Navy rocket men, working without fanfare while the Army takes bows for putting the first U.S. satellite into orbit, prepared the slender Vanguard today to blast up another man-made moon.

No one can say just when the Vanguard will go, but there has been constant activity at the service tower where it has stood grounded by mechanical difficulties. The necessary repairs are believed to be nearly completed.

Strong winds have lashed the Cape for the past two days, and probably would make any missile launching impossible as long as they continue. Two intercontinental Atlas missiles also are in service towers at the Air Force Test Centre. One of them was static fired on the ground on Friday.

Several attempts were made to launch the 72-foot Vanguard week before last. The rocket was within 22 seconds, and then 14 seconds of being fired on two occasions. But bad weather held up launching for two days, and when the skies finally cleared, trouble developed inside the rocket as a result of highly volatile fuel standing too long in the tanks.

It was then that the Vanguard launching was postponed temporarily and the Army given the go-ahead for a satellite try with its thundering Jupiter-C.

Success

This missile hurled the Explorer satellite into orbit last Friday night, and gained success for the Army on its first satellite try.

But while the Army's missiles got the glory for the first successful launching, even Dr Wernher von Bruan—head of the team of German-born scientists who developed the Jupiter-C — admitted the Vanguard is a superior rocket.

The Navy missile is highly complex, however, and consequently more subject to technical difficulties. The Jupiter-C, which is a modification of a military missile, combines simplicity and power.

The Vanguard was developed chiefly as a scientific instrument and its main purpose is launching a satellite.—United Press.

Steps To Conquer Space

Soviet Scientist's Suggestions

Moscow, Feb. 2.

A Russian scientist today gave an idea of the possible steps man may take to conquer space.

Prof. V. Sharonov, in an article in Izvestia, said the path for the conquest of space may be opened by launching a non-returnable Sputnik to orbit around the Moon.

Sharonov said such a Sputnik could be similar to Soviet earth satellite One and Two, but would be required to traverse the distance from the earth to the Moon.

This raises problems, he said, but basically the only need is to increase the speed of the satellite from eight kilometres (4.8 miles) per second to 10 kilometres (six miles) a second.

DIFFICULT

"Now of course it is difficult to say with certainty what path to the Moon would be practical," he said. "But one thing is indisputable: The conquest will follow immediately after a period of research."

"Man will create a guided star-spaceship that will enable him to reach and land on the Moon," he added.

Once the Moon is reached, the scientist went on, scientists will be able to establish a "temporary scientific station supplied with food, air and earth."

He said later a permanent station would be set up and then "industrial plants to extract and process the Moon's natural resources." — United Press.

Soviets Live In Luxury At S. Pole

Melbourne, Feb. 2.

Soviet Polar explorers have hot water, radiators, washing machines and electric light at their ice-bound Antarctic base, an Australian correspondent reported today.

They live in conditions almost of luxury in a "dream base," reported Osmar White, special Australian correspondent aboard the Australian Antarctic research expedition ship Thala Dan, which crashed through the ice to the Soviet base at Mirny, set up in connection with the International Geophysical Year.

He reported the Soviet Base, with its top-quality equipment and instruments, is a model research establishment. He said it left the Australian scientists "popeyed and wistful."

White said there was not even the remotest suggestion that the settlement has, or would have, military significance.—China Mail Special.

Rivalry For Space Better Than War

London, Feb. 2.

A Soviet academician said today it is better for the United States and Russia to compete in launching satellites than in building armaments.

The comment came from Academician Sedov in an article in the Moscow newspaper, Pravda, today, according to a Moscow radio broadcast heard here.

The radio quoted Sedov that the "U.S. satellite is a good basis for scientific international co-operation."

"We believe that it is better to build ships for interplanetary communications than to compete in an armaments race," he said.—United Press.

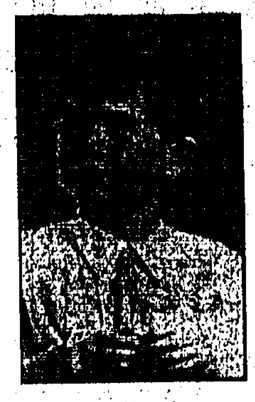
Algerian Rebels

Algiers, Feb. 2.

Three French troops were killed and 15 others were wounded when Algerian rebels ambushed a military truck on Friday night on the road to Philippeville, six miles from Constantine, it was announced today.

The truck was set on fire by the rebels.—France-Presse.

Prince Charles To Learn Hindi?



Prince Charles

Leicester, Feb. 2.

Lord Altrincham, the young British Tory Peer and critic of Queen Elizabeth's Court, said tonight that he hoped Prince Charles would learn Hindi or Sinhalese.

The 33-year-old Peer, who visited India and Ceylon last December, declared that nothing would 'capture the imagination of British Commonwealth countries more than Queen Elizabeth becoming a Commonwealth person rather than a United Kingdom person interested in the Commonwealth.

He told the International Students Club here this would entail a revolution in her way of life.

She has been brought up in the old pattern and must make a decision for herself and family to live on a Commonwealth scale.

"I believe she will make this choice. It will mean bringing up her children to speak other languages."—Reuter.

Mind Over Matter? Nonsense, Says Bertrand Russell

London, Feb. 2.

Bertrand Russell, the Nobel Prize winning philosopher, tonight disputed the theory of the supremacy of mind over matter.

He did so in a British Broadcasting Corporation lecture which may mark a milestone in philosophy because of the famous scholar's announcement that he had drawn more on science than the usual processes of philosophy for his conclusions.

Now in his 86th year, Russell, considered one of the great thinkers of the 20th Century, proposed a theory of his own—a theory that even for the erudite "Third Programme" was notably beyond the comprehension of the ordinary listener.

Russell, speaking in language which demonstrated his unflagging mental powers, said he had drawn on physics, physiology, psychology and mathematical logic for his theory, one tenet of which seems to be that each of us lives in a private world whose experiences no one else can share exactly.

In contrast, he said, students were still being taught philosophies which gave them the belief that mind has some kind of supremacy over the non-mental universe.

"This point of view is completely remote from my imaginative picture of the cosmos," he said. "I accept without qualification the view that results from astronomy and geology, from which it would appear that there is no evidence of anything mental except in a tiny fragment of space-time, and that the great processes of nebular and stellar evolution produce according to laws in which mind plays no part."—United Press.

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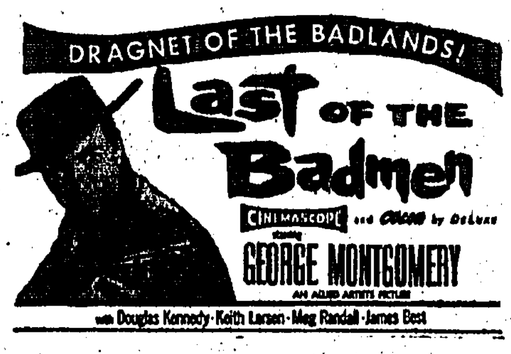
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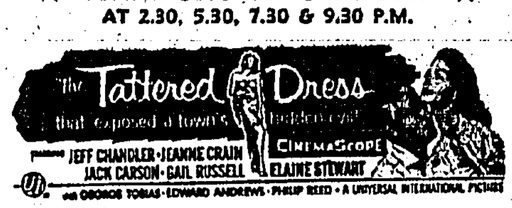


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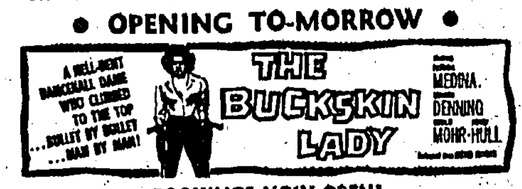
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CABLE BRIEFS

Des Moines, Feb. 2.

Police arrested James Skibbes, 40, for selling liquor by the squeeze using a plastic squeeze-squirt mustard dispenser.

Iowa has a law against selling liquor by the drink. — United Press.

Los Angeles, Feb. 2.

A new gadget for housewives who wish to watch television while the Sunday roast is cooking was announced today by the Pacific Coast Gas Association.

When the automatic oven thermometer announces that the meal is done, a gentle "bong, bong, bong" rings out in the key of C.—United Press.

Washington, Feb. 2.

National Gallery of Art visitors can get their aesthetic kicks electronically, beginning next week.

Gallery director John Walker said for 25 cents, art lovers can rent a miniature radio to carry around the Gallery and listen to a continuous series of broadcasts on the history of paintings and statuary.—United Press.

Clinton, Feb. 2.

Robert Stocks insisted it wasn't robbery when he whipped out a razor and took US$18 from Victor Roberts.

Stocks said "I was only collecting a debt and using the razor to peel a peach." He was sentenced to five years.—United Press.

Bessemer City, Feb. 2.

Fourth graders Cissy Moore and Barbara Goodnight concocted a perfume they call "Catch Your Man."

When Cissy's upper classman sister, fifth-grader Meredith, took a whiff of the mixture of indigestion remedy, dentifrice and other household material, she lifted her nose in disdain and said: "It should be named "Kill Your Man." — United Press.

Duluth, Feb. 2.

Police withheld the name of a man who told them that a pair of spiritualists refused to leave his home and then couldn't produce them when the squad car arrived.

"Whenever anyone comes, they disappear," he said.—United Press.

Marion, Feb. 2.

E. L. Duchkel, 48, was arrested yesterday when he asked permission to sell fire extinguishers.

Officials said he not only had already been selling them without permission but he hadn't delivered the extinguishers to customers who had paid for them.—United Press.

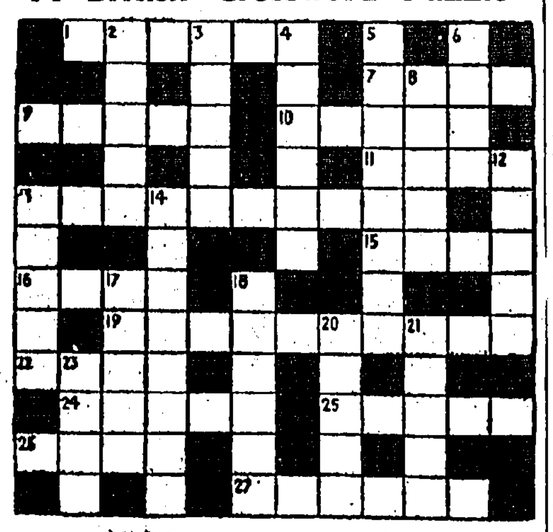
US Spaceship?

Washington, Feb. 2.

The United States has a rocket-powered plane—the X-15—capable of developing the 60,000 pounds of thrust attained by some ballistic missiles, the magazine "Aviation Week" claimed today.

The magazine added that the X-15 could eventually attain an altitude of from 200 to 300 miles. With its fuel, it weighs about 32,000 pounds and has a range of 450 nautical miles, the magazine said.—France-Presse.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1 Some instruction (6).
7 Ireland (4).
9 May's after it (5)
10 Refrain, but not abstain (5).
11 The voice of Dalton! (4)
13 Stopping-place en route (4, 2, 4).
15 Played by a fibber? (4)
16 The shape of things to come, maybe (4).
19 Drink servers (10).
22 Leo in the zodiac (4).
24 Private teacher (5).
25 Airy-fairy (5).
26 Measure out (4).
27 Counter-hand? (6).

DOWN

2 Wrong's right here (5).
3 All together now—BANG! (5)
4 Learner without faults, apparently (6).
5 Told to return, it's remembered (8).
6 Gingerbread covering? (4)
8 Court recovery perhaps (5).
12 They may be maidens (5).
13 The instructed (5).
14 Occupied (8).
17 Concerning a fight? (5)
18 Gets cracking (6).
20 Unusual book it seems (5).
21 Double-headed bird! (5)
23 Detail (4).

SATURDAY'S SOLUTION.—Across: 1 Ogress, 4 Spume, 7 Cavern, 8 Board, 10 Peril, 12 Finesse, 15 Snare, 16 Ewer, 17 Sures, 19 Evade, 20 Dispute, 21 Saga, 23 Snick, 24 Divert, 25 Gross, 28 Dressy, Down: 1 Occupied, 2 Reverses, 3 Serf, 5 Proceeds, 6 Morose, 9 Sieve, 11 Inspects, 12 Frets, 13 Sweaters, 14 Errantry, 16 Winner, 22 Pier.

Without Fear Of Intimidation . . .

POLAND GOES TO THE POLLS

Widest Choice Of Candidates Since 1948

Warsaw, Feb. 2.

Poles voted in local elections today with the widest choice of candidates since the Communists assumed power in 1948.

Voters in each constituency were offered a single list of candidates. But, in contrast with the local elections of 1954 in the "Stalinist" era, they were free to strike out names.

They were also free for the first time in local elections since 1948 to boycott the polls without fear of intimidation.

The 18 million voters are choosing from some 300,000 candidates to fill 205,101 seats on local councils in cities, regions, provinces and villages.

The polling stations opened at 6 p.m. The sale of alcohol was prohibited throughout the country today.

An election official said first indications suggested a heavy poll in Warsaw, where 55 per cent of the electorate were stated to have voted by 3 p.m.

Trickle

A trickle of people in Warsaw voting centres used the privacy of the curtained booths to decide their choice, but the majority slipped the list of candidates straight into the urn without striking out any names.

Reports from villages in Warsaw province, however, indicated that a higher proportion of voters struck out names.

A sample voting slip offered electors a list of nine names from which up to six had to be chosen. An untouched slip meant the first six names were automatically selected.

The same prodecure was adopted at national elections 12 months ago which endorsed Mr Wladyslaw Gomulka as the nation's top leader on a "new course" policy which stressed Poland's sovereignty and independence. — China Mail Special.

Pravda's Version Of Wall St Suicide

"Millionaire Was Driven To Death"

Moscow, Feb. 2.

Pravda, the Soviet Communist party newspaper, today said that American railroad tycoon Robert R. Young committed suicide after rival financiers — particularly "The Morgans" — drove him to bankruptcy.

Pravda said the reasons for Young's suicide at Palm Beach, Florida, on January 25 were "shrouded in secrecy," but it suggested that a cut-throat battle in high finance was responsible.

It said the suicide raised the grim picture of the Wall Street crash of 1929 and the depression of the early 1930s in the United States.

VICTORIES

Young scored some early victories against the J. P. Morgan banking interest, Pravda said, but in the end, he lost.

"The Morgans were patiently awaiting a moment for a decisive counter-blow," the paper told its readers.

"At the beginning of this year, Young, trying to settle his banking debts, sold most of his railway shares at a low price.

"As a result, this man, who has been a famous millionaire only a short while ago, went bankrupt."

(Young had sold much of his New York Central stock before his death, but his will showed he left an estate estimated to be worth about six million dollars.) —United Press.

Candidates For The Supreme Soviet

Moscow, Feb. 2.

Moscow newspapers today published the names of the first and most prominent candidates nominated for the elections in March to the Supreme Soviet (Parliament).

The nominations, which in the past have been a significant sign of the relative standing of Soviet leaders, included several for Mr Nikita Khrushchev, Communist Party Leader, President Klementi Voroshilov, and Mr Anastas Mikoyan, Deputy Premier.

Others mentioned less frequently included Alexei Kirichenko, Mikhail Suslov and Nikolai Shvernik, all full members of the Presidium. Publishing these names with the first day's nominations indicates their high standing.

ABSENCE

The absence of nominations so far for other leaders, such as the Prime Minister, Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, does not necessarily mean any diminution in their standing.

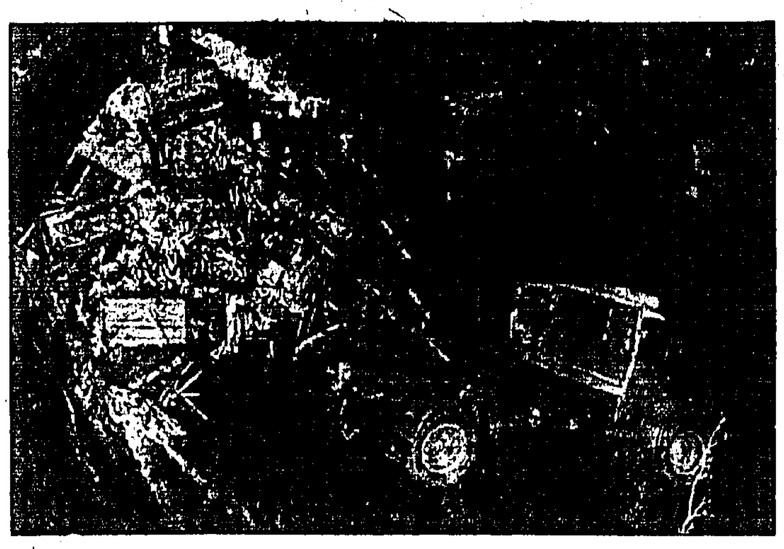
The complete lists are due to appear during the next few weeks. There is still time for them to be nominated.

It is noted that the Moscow city nomination for the council of nationalities has gone to Mr Nikolai Shvernik, not as formerly, to Marshal Bulganin.

Mr Shvernik is head of the party Control Committee, which is responsible for expulsions of disciplinary action.

Other names which did not appear among the nominations published today include Mrs Ekaterina Furtseva, a member of the Presidium (top leadership) of the Soviet Communist Party and deputy premiers Alexei Kosygin, J. J. Kuzmin and Dmitri Ustinov.—China Mail Special.

THEY WALKED AWAY FROM THIS ONE



Nikita Would Make The Perfect Movie Magnate

—*MIKE TODD*

Moscow, Feb. 2.

Mike Todd today type-casted Nikita S. Khrushchev as the perfect movie magnate—one so good he would "send all us producers out for coffee."

The American showman held forth on his impressions of Kremlin leaders and the Soviet people at Vnukovo airport where he and his wife, actress Elizabeth Taylor, boarded a Soviet TU-104 jetliner for Prague, en route to Athens.

Todd said his nine-day visit showed him that the Russian people were "warm, friendly, hospitable and surprisingly pro-American."

The social climate changed considerably for the Todds during their stay. On their arrival on January 25, they received standard tourist treatment. No one noticed the producer who numbers his "close friends" in the thousands. And no one paid attention to his beautiful wife.

But officialdom thawed considerably. Today, a number of officials from the Ministry of Culture and a group of Soviet actors and actresses saw them off.

Their big special change came last Monday when they were invited to an Indian Embassy reception which Khrushchev and other Soviet leaders attended.

Todd saw the portly Communist Party chief from a distance and did not have a chance to be introduced. But one glimpse was enough.

"Anybody who under-rates him does a disservice to America," Todd said. "I'm happy he isn't a producer. If he were one he'd send all us producers out for coffee.

"I was fascinated observing him. While (Premier Nikolai) Bulganin was making speeches, Khrushchev watched audience reaction".

After the reception, official doors opened to the Todds. The producer showed his film "Around The World In 80 Days," and received a firm offer from the Ministry of Culture for the rights to the movie in Russia.

The producer said he expected to conclude negotiations for the comedy in Washington on his return home. — United Press.

RITA WEDS FOR FIFTH TIME



Rita Hayworth—

Hollywood, Feb. 2.

TITIAN-HAIRED actress Rita Hayworth today married her fifth husband, producer James Hill, at a ceremony in her Beverly Hills home.

Present were the film star's daughters, Princess Yasmin (by her marriage to Prince Aly Khan) and Rebecca Welles (from her marriage to actor Orson Welles).

The ceremony followed a four-month romance which began when the glamour girl started work in a movie which is being produced by the bridegroom. It is his first marriage.

The bride wore a Don Loper creation of brown crepe and Italian satin with an off-the-face hat. Hill wore a dark blue cashmere suit.

The bride, smiling demurely said she was "ecstatically happy." The couple will honeymoon in Europe following completion of their motion picture, "Separate Tables," which is scheduled to be finished later this month.

The star's previous marriages were to climax Ed Judson, Wellen, Aly Khan and singer Dick Haymes. All of the marriages ended in divorce.—United Press.

Two men escaped drowning when this truck, loaded with three tons of fish, skidded and crashed through a bridge parapet near Hamilton, Scotland, and plunged 50 feet into the River Clyde. The driver and his mate climbed onto the side of the cabin and waited there until rescued by the local fire brigade. — Express.

Sikhs' Silent Protest Parade

New Delhi, Jan. 2.

Sikhs paraded 30,000-strong here today in a silent protest against "desecration of Sikh sacred places, scriptures and water tanks."

Thousands of blue-turbanned Sikhs, accompanied by their women and children, gathered here from various cities of Punjab to stage the demonstration.

There had been reports that butts of cigarettes, which are prohibited by the Sikh religion, had been tossed into water tanks attached to Shikh shrines.

Sikh priests also reported receiving letters urging them to advise their bearded followers to "use scissors."—United Press.

Tunku Arrives

Colombo, Feb. 2.

The Malayan Prime Minister, Tunku Abdul Rahman, arrived here today for the celebrations to mark the 10th anniversary of Ceylon's independence from British rule.—Reuter.

'Like A Horse With Blinders'

I Almost Offered Ike The Presidency: Truman

New York, Feb. 2.

Former President Harry S. Truman disclosed today that in 1945 he made what was "almost an offer" of the Democratic presidential nomination to the then Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower but at the same time warned him against seeking the job.

"I gave him wise counsel and he wrote me the best letter on why a military man shouldn't be President of the United States that's ever been stated, and it's still in existence," Truman said.

"....he didn't write the letter to me. He wrote it to a newspaper in New Hampshire, but he gave me a copy of it and I've still got it, and I never used it on him at all."

Truman engaged in a frank, hour-long conversation about his political career in a filmed presentation of Edward R. Murrow's "See It Now" report carried on the CBS-TV network. The interview, filmed in the Florida Keys a year ago, was only a fragment of a movie made by Murrow primarily for release in 1960, or later, for the benefit of students of the presidency.

Murrow asked Truman if he offered Eisenhower the presidency during the Potsdam Big Three Conference in 1945, as has been reported.

"No—No, I didn't offer him the presidency," Truman said. "I told him that a great many people who had been in his position had been willing to run for the presidency, but it was my opinion that a man at the top with a military reputation could only have that reputation smeared if he went into politics, because being the commanding general of the armed forces of a nation is entirely different from being the head of the State in a political job."

"So," Murrow asked, "it would be fair to characterise it as being almost an offer and a warning simultaneously. Was that it?"

"It could be taken as that," Truman replied.

Truman went on after Potsdam to complete the unexpired term of President Franklin D. Roosevelt and then win election on his own in 1948.

"You can take the historical members of the profession who've been presidents of the United States," Truman said. "There was Zachary Taylor and General Grant, and the present occupant of the White House are good men. They're honourable men. They want to do the right thing but they've been educated in a manner that's like a horse with blinders on—he only sees one direction right down the road."

Truman also discussed his firing of Gen. Douglas MacArthur as Far East Commander in 1951. He said the General had been becoming "rather insubordinate as the pro-consul in Asia, which he considered himself...and when he disobeyed orders directly, it became necessary to find out the best thing to do about it."

"...I stood it as long as I could," Truman said.

Finally, he said, he reviewed the whole case with several top officials, including Marshall, who told him: "Mr President, you ought to have fired him two years ago or at least six months ago."

Truman said he had expected the public clamour that followed the MacArthur firing and added:

"Too Bad"

"It's too bad that the General didn't have a good political advisor. If he'd consulted me about what he ought to do, I would have made it much easier for him and he'd be a much more popular man than he is today."

"....he was trying to build up public opinion without consulting the fellow who understood public opinion. I never had anything personal against the General....but he brought it on himself and it had to be done."

Truman also made the following observations in his chat with Murrow:

On the qualifications of a politician: "A politician is a public relations man who knows how to get along with people."

On former British Prime Minister Winston Churchill: "Churchill was one of the most agreeable men I ever met. He likes to argue about everything but when it comes right down to brass tacks, he's always on the right side. It would take a little more time to do business with him than it did with the others, but when he got through you knew very well the British would always keep their agreements, which they always did."—United Press.

London, Feb. 2.

Russian scientists in the Antarctic are taking back to Moscow the fossilised remains of plants which grew on the South Polar continent between 200 and 250 million years ago, Moscow Radio said today.

The Radio said other Soviet scientists flew over the South Magnetic Pole—an area about 1,500 miles from the geographical pole—and found that the ice surface there was completely free of snow. — China Mail Special.

The Pills Didn't Work

—*SO A GIRL FACES CLAIM FOR DAMAGES*

Tel Aviv, Feb. 2.

An airliner had to turn back, passengers were held up and a 25-year-old American girl faces a claim for damages — all because two sleeping pills failed to act on her dog Maxie.

Miss Frieda Stewart, of Toledo, Ohio, stepped aboard an Al Italia DC-6 airliner at Lydda Airport early today bound for Rome.

Safely stowed in the luggage compartment —or so she thought—was her German shepherd dog Maxie, who saved her life a year ago during a terrorist attack in Morocco. Taking no chances, Miss Stewart had given two-year-old Maxie two sleeping pills just before take-off.

An hour and a half later the plane began shaking violently. The pilot, unable to discover the cause, returned to Lydda.

Mechanics soon found the defect. Maxie—bored, restless and quite unaffected by the sleeping pills — had chewed his way out of his wooden cage and then bitten through the aluminium cable controlling the airliner's tail.

Airline officials told Miss Stewart she would be sued for damages — the price of 19 extra meals served to passengers and the price of petrol dumped as a precaution before landing.

To top it all, every other airline refused to carry her sharp-toothed pet.

"I am not guilty," Miss Stewart protested tonight—while Maxie yawned from the belated effect of two sleeping pills. — China Mail Special.



Promotion for the man who began the Private's Progress

ROBERT PITMAN'S BOOK PAGE



THIS is the story of a man, a book, and the flickering unsteady spotlight which we call fame. It is a story which proves that the quiet world of writing can be quite as tough and unpredictable as big business itself.

It is the story of a young author, Alan Hackney, and his satire on the Army, *Private's Progress*.

Perhaps you were one of the thousands who read *Private's Progress* as a book? Almost certainly you were one of the millions who saw it as a film or watched scenes on television.

For *Private's Progress* did something which happens in Britain maybe once in a score of years. It united highbrows and lowbrows alike in a nationwide gust of laughter.

GOOD REASON

They march again ...this time in civvy street

THEY had good reason to laugh. Take just one episode—the lecture on "The English Railway System" which Private Cox delivers during his platoon's current affairs period. Solemnly he begins:—

"My system with the railways is dead simple. What you mustn't ever do is get rattled and do sunnink barmy. Take it here. You never want to go from Gravestone East. Always go from Gravestone High Level on the 2.5. They've only one bloke on collectin'. Wait till 'e's over doin' the down platform and walk straight on as though you 'ad your ticket."

But *Private's Progress* got results more solid than laughter.

In the eighteenth century, when John Gay's *Beggar's Opera* was produced by the impresario Rich, everyone said that its success made Rich gay and Gay rich.

Since 1956 *Private's Progress* has made lots of people rich.

For British Lion films it beat all audience records. It turned the Boulting Brothers into the two best-heeled private producers in the business.

It took Ian Carmichael, an obscure actor, and made him a star whose name means money.

It brought Terry-Thomas as much fame in films as he had ever had on radio.

And Alan Hackney, the man whose wit and genius for dialogue started it all?

When he began writing *Private's Progress* over three years ago Hackney was teaching in a school for dockyard apprentices at Sheerness.

Now, after all those months of success, I have been to visit him. *AT THE SCHOOL FOR DOCKYARD APPRENTICES AT SHEERNESS.*

I went through the dockgates, I went past great, grotesquely painted effigies—figureheads taken from old men-of-war. A giant crane loomed against a sky which was grey-pink with snow.

At the school I waited in the staff-room. It was littered with dog-eared exercise books, with tins of sugar ready for the teachers' tea-break. Then Hackney's tall figure entered. As I shook hands I said: *"So even after Private's Progress you haven't given up teaching?"*

"Couldn't afford to, old boy," waters. Hackney said: "Mind Hackney, chronicler of Non-U you, the Boultings have been talk, has a slow cultured drawl. very nice to me. And Terry-But the words are a surprise. Thomas has always been He gave a friendly smile. He friendly. Well, he sent us a said:—

"Well, look, tosh, work it out for yourself. The book sold about 11,000 copies. Not a fortune in that, really. The film made hundreds of thousands, of course. But I was silly enough to sell the film rights for a thousand. Not enough to retire on, you might say. Especially since I've three children already—and another little Hackney on the way." Hackney took me out into the dockyard. The wind came cutting across the bleak Christmas card last month."

We looked down at the hulk of the old wooden warship, H.M.S. Cornwallis, now waterlogged and being broken up. Hackney continued: "Oh, yes, and Evelyn Waugh wrote a nice piece about my book. He invited me to his place in Gloucestershire any time I was around.

"I found an excuse for going down like a shot. Interesting place. He had a lavatory there furnished like an Abyssinian throne-room.

"At lunch we talked about E. M. Forster's book about his life in India.

"Waugh argued with me when I said there was a photograph of Forster in Indian dress inside. So I showed it to him, and Waugh said: 'Good gracious, is that Forster? I thought it was a blackamoor.'"

From the docks, Hackney and I went back to the college. Upstairs a few of the apprentices—one with a skiffle beard—were sitting at desks in the classroom. Hackney told them: "You chaps can clear off now."

When they had shuffled out, I asked: "Did they know about you and the film?"

Hackney laughed. "My word, yes. It was the big thing for days. They crammed the cinema, and whenever they liked one of the jokes they called out: 'Coo, good old Hacko!'"

As dusk fell, Hackney took me through the streets of Sheerness to the pleasant old terrace where he lives.

His pretty wife Peggy was running a birthday party for Jane, aged three. Above the din she told me:—

"Alan tries out all his stuff on me. He says I'm like the old woman that Moliere read his plays to. If I can understand the jokes, anyone can. But it was me that made him write *Private's Progress*. Me and Malcolm Muggeridge."

I frowned. "Muggeridge?" I asked.

Alan Hackney broke in: "It's a long story, really. You see I always had the idea of writing about the Army. During the war I actually heard that lecture on the railway system. I used to make notes on all the Army absurdities.

"When I was at Maidstone Barracks there were 16 blokes on the strength who had got themselves jobs at a local brewery. One fellow even had a milk round. But I never found time for a book."

As the children rushed off from the tea-table, we sat down. Hackney said: "In 1951 I began a series of pieces for Punch about conversation in a snack bar. It was called Snax at Jax. That's where Muggeridge comes in."

I said: "I suppose Muggeridge helped you?"

"Just the reverse. Peggy and I were managing nicely on the extra cash we got from Punch every two or three weeks for the Snax at Jax articles. Then Muggeridge became editor. He held a big dinner for contributors.

"It was the kiss of death. He told us he wanted less funny stuff in the paper."

Hackney handed me some birthday cake, then went on: "Well, Muggeridge hardly took any more stuff from me. But I had to write something. So Peggy made me write up my Army anecdotes as a novel. That was *Private's Progress*."

ALMOST UNNOTICED

IN 1956 Hackney published a second novel. Its title: **ALL YOU YOUNG LADIES** (Gollancz, 13s. 6d.). Its theme: a war over oil between two sheiks in the Persian Gulf. It was very funny—and in a remarkable way it forecast what actually happened in the Oman War. But somehow the book passed almost unnoticed.

As we got up from the remains of the cakes and trifle, Hackney explained.

"Bad luck that was. Hitchcock bought an option on it for a film.

"Then, just as the book appeared, the Suez crisis broke. People didn't want jokes about the Middle East. Hitchcock dropped it. And, in effect, so did the public. Pity. But look at this."

It was time for me to go. In the darkness outside the Kent roads were quickly freezing. But Hackney took me to a small room and held up a proof copy.

It was his latest novel **PRIVATE LIFE** (to be published by Gollancz in June). I saw that it contained all the big characters from *Private's Progress*—but this time in civilian life.

Hackney said: "The Boultings are planning to do it with Attenborough, Terry-Thomas, and all the others. This time poor Windrush—he's played by Carmichael—gets mixed up with the trade unions. The Boultings are planning to call it *I'm All Right, Jack*. And this time Hackney is getting his percentage."

I asked: "Why hasn't the book got the same title?"

"Oh," said Hackney, "dear old Victor Gollancz couldn't understand the meaning of 'I'm All Right, Jack.' When it was explained to him all he said was 'Very remarkable.'"

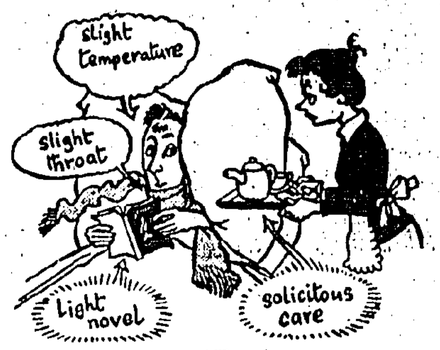
QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"EVEN time seems to be frozen in this strange continent. This startling fact impressed itself on Byrd. He wrote:—

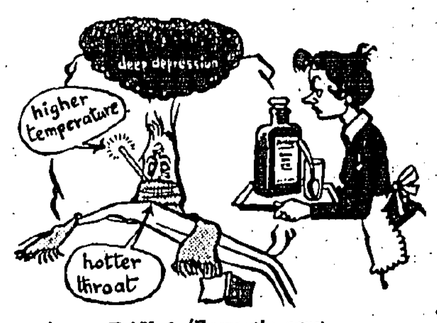
"'My men stumbled on a camp abandoned by early explorers 37 years before. The boards on the shack looked new. The nails were gleaming bright. Near the shack was a dog standing in the snow looking just as alert as our huskies—yet he had been dead for many years.'"

From **THE LAST CONTINENT**, by Douglas Liversidge (*Jarrolds, 21s.*). This exciting and expert account of Antarctic exploration from 1500 to the Fuchs expedition is easily the best thing of its kind.

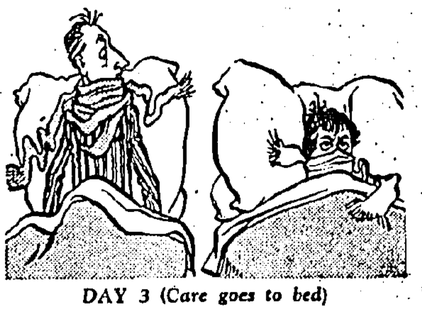
A SLIGHT TOUCH OF FLU—by CUMMINGS



DAY 1



DAY 2 (*Energetic care*)



DAY 3 (*Care goes to bed*)



DAY 4 (*Self-service*)



DAY 5. Even with india-rubber legs, shaking hands and aching head, back to work with boundless joy.

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GILMAN MOTORS

30,000 Algerians killed—but still the rebels roll in

TRIPOLI.

IN the last few days I have seen French hospitals where Algerian babies are born and the oldest patient is looked after with tenderness; schools in country districts where little girls in multi-coloured dresses are happily to be seen singing French songs. I have walked around the modern University.



LORD LAMBTON, MP reports on a tragedy...

"...Springing not from misrule but from the efficiency of a health service which has upset the balance of nature"

I have visited clinics where the finest instruments in the world fight eye diseases and watched operations in surgeries which it would have been impossible to improve. I have been impressed by the French Government's great fight to save life but have also visited military HQs that plan with equal efficiency the killing of Algerian nationalists.

That is the tragedy of the country. Here there is none of the optimism of Paris that the rebellion is over. You are searched in cinemas and large stores, and in a grim struggle of life and death the country is fundamentally divided.

BITTERNESS

The casualties reveal the bitterness of the fighting. Last year, 30,000 Algerians and 2,500 French were killed. But perhaps the most revealing statistic is that the rebel army strength today of 20,000 men is exactly the same as a year ago despite the 30,000 killed. This illustrates that the size of the rebel army is only limited by the numbers of arms and the leaders available.

To see a section of the disturbed country I went to Kabelia, one of the first areas to rebel—a wild, rocky territory, roughly the size of Yorkshire and Lancashire, with a population approaching a million. The people are primitive and even in peacetime blood feuds were responsible for 300 deaths a year. A French captain drove me to a village and military post in the heart of the hills and explained why the number of the rebels remained static.

Their method of replacement is simple. They go into a remote village and tell the young men to join them and if one hides they kill his father. It is an effective system.

Our drive was curious. Around one corner would be three old peasants kicking their donkeys; around the next an armoured car. And we arrived unexpected as the telegraph wires were destroyed.

The village is in the centre of one of the 1,500 new communities, vaguely the equivalent of rural councils, which have recently been formed. The French argue that despite the ultimate authority lying in Paris the measure of self-government provided by these and the higher authorities with Algerian representation will satisfy the desire for independence.

The mayor of the village, which has an old school and new civil hall and post-office, was unshaven and in a dirty red fez and ragged trousers. He sucked mournfully at a wet cigarette. Nor was he much cheered up by the number of times the captain slapped him on the back and said what an excellent fellow he was.

The main problem of this village is typical of all—over-population. Last year, despite murders, the births outnumbered the deaths by two to one.

In the afternoon I was to have flown through the hills in a helicopter but because of cloud, drove instead. They are the guerillas' paradise, covered with rocky scrub and full of limestone caves. Nor does the civil aspect of the war encourage the likelihood of peace. Recently 40 Nationalists were released from prison and sent home. Twenty of them have already been murdered in revenge for earlier deaths. In fact, without prejudice it is difficult to see the bright side to things. The rebels have a vast reserve of the willing and unwilling to recruit from.

The terrain is everything they could wish for and arms still reach them from over the borders. So to describe the present lull, if you can call it a lull, as hopeful, is unwise. All that the rebels have to do is to keep to the hills and they can continue indefinitely. And this is the position that France must face if she is determined to continue her present policy.

The most hopeful aspect of the scene is the separation from Algeria of the Southern zone with its oil and perhaps most important new find—water. For if developments come up to expectation and France could work it with a consortium of herself, Morocco, Tunisia and a piece of Algiers, she can remain the dominant influence on the North African coast.

But certainly for her the most tragic circumstance is that the present troubles spring in the main, not from her misrule but from the efficiency of her health service (which has upset the balance of nature.

This Funny World



"I've never met him but he must be terribly important—he wears a vest!"

• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

OVERHEARD fragments of conversation are a perpetual delight. As I fought my way along the street of one of those old-world villages where the cars are stacked in bundles, a voice said, "She's a nice girl, and she'll take his mind off his shrimping."

If she is nice enough, he will soon break his net across his knee, throw the pieces into the dustbin, and start a new life. Then that home where the incessant talk of shrimps drives the parents crazy will have some peace. Or will he infect her with his enthusiasm, give her a net, and drag her off to the sea's edge, thus crushing all the hopes of the exasperated family?

A tryst

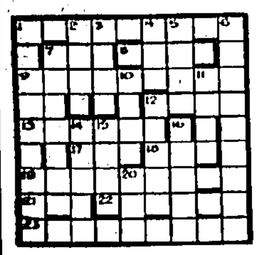
VITA BREVIS has received this note (written on the back of a bridge scoring card) from Foulenough:

Sweet morsel, if you are pining for me, meet me tomorrow in that Mayfair bar, or rather, bower, of which you are the bloomingest rose. I often ask myself what you see in me, but as the answer is usually discouraging, I prefer to ask myself what I see in you. After my rowdy time up North, it will be like coming into harbour, with all the nightingales singing like seagulls, to hear your soft voice, moistened by the largest martini in Europe. Tie a knot in your kerchief to remind you to keep this rendezvous, and if I have not at the moment the wherewithal to purchase a yacht, a couple of drinks will not mean a session at the pawn-broker's. Adios, little mouse.

In passing

A SULKY airman who was forbidden to play at supersonic bangs is reported to have said, "People like to hear bangs." And, unless they are dangerous reactionaries, they like to have their windows smashed, their nerves wrecked, and their children terrified.

CROSSWORD

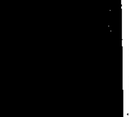


Across

1. That which causes damage. (9)
7. Bishop's area. (3)
8. Early sailor. (4)
9. City of Spain. (9)
12. Pretend. (4)
13. Where you taste London's fleshpots. (2, 4)
17. Headgear. (3)
18. Pusher. (8)
19. Ale, my lord? (4, 5)
21. Before. (3)
22. Resident of the country. (6)
23. Light-headed. (9)

Down

1. Troubled. (9)
2. Name. (6)
3. Bring up. (4)
4. Cowlike noise. (3)
5. Repose. (6)
6. Runners. (4-5)
7. Victorian toast piece. (7)
10. Kernel. (4)
11. Prophet (6)
12. Small animal. (5)
14. Circle. (5)
15. Make money. (4)
16. Italian name. (6)
20. Pound in tavern. (3)



Saturday's Solution

CHESS

By LEONARD BARDEN

It rarely happens that both players queen a pawn in the first 20 moves of a game. Here's how it occurred in Finland recently (Bonadorf v. Lipola). 1 P—K4, P—K3; 2 P—Q4, P—Q4; 3 Kt—QB3, B—Kt5; 4 Q—Kt4, Kt—KB3; 5 Q×P, R—Kt1; 6 Q—R6, Kt×P; 7 Q×P, R—Kt3; 8 Q—R8 ch, K—Q2; 9 Q×Q ch, K×Q; 10 B—Q2, Kt×B; 11 K×Kt, P—QB4; 12 P—QR3, P×P; 13 P×B, P×Kt ch; 14 P×P, Kt—B3; 15 Kt—B3, R—K4; 16 P—Kt5, P—K5; 17 P×Kt, P×Kt; 18 BP×P, P×P; 19 P×R (Q), P×R (Q); 20 Q×B ch! K×Q; 21 B—R3 oh, Rosigna.

Solution No. 5343: 1. B—B4 (threats Kt—Q6 or Kt—Q2), R—Q5; 2 Kt—Kt3, or R—Q5; 2 Kt—B2, or Kt×B; R×Kt, or R—Q5; 2 B—Kt7. Good key, and self-blocking interferences.

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• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Indecision Gives A Vital Signal

By OSWALD JACOBY

WEST selected the ace of clubs as his opening lead. He realised strong measures would be necessary if he were going to beat the contract.

East signalled with the nine and West continued. East took his king and gave West a ruff.

West put dummy in with a diamond and the jack of spades was led. East went into a long huddle which clearly gave away the fact that he held the queen. Then East put up the queen, whereupon South made the rest of the tricks with no further ado.

NORTH (D) 16
♠J764
♥AK
♦AQ106
♣J63

WEST	EAST
♠52	♠Q98
♥Q96542	♥J87
♦J32	♦95
♣A4	♣K9875

SOUTH
♠AK103
♥103
♦K874
♣Q102

Both vulnerable

North	East	South	West
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead—♣A

East should have been ready for that jack of spades lead. The bidding had indicated that declarer held a four-card spade suit only. When West ruffed the third club lead East should have known that declarer needed all the trump tricks for his contract and that declarer would have to do some worrying about the queen.

In that spot no play could be more normal than the sudden lead of dummy's jack. East should have been ready for it and been able to play a low trump without any worry.

Declarer might still have guessed the queen of trumps if East had not played it. Then he might not! We'll never know.

CARD Sense

Q—The bidding has been:

East	South	West	North
1♦	?		

You, South, hold:
♠KJ97 ♥2 ♦AQ65 ♣K872
What do you do?

A—Bid one spade. You want to act right away.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding continues with a pass by West, two clubs by North and pass by East. What do you do now?

Answer Tomorrow

TARGET

A	U	N
S	K	Q
D	I	C

HOW many words, of four letters or more can you make from the letters in the square on the left? In making each word, the letters in each of the small squares may be used once only. Each word *must* contain the large letter in the centre square, and there *must* be at least one nine-letter word in the list. No plurals; no foreign words; no proper names. TODAY'S TARGET: 17 words, *good*; 20 words, *very good*; 23 words, *excellent*. Solution tomorrow.

SATURDAY'S SOLUTION: Abed ared agreed alder bade badre badsaw barred bald baled bard bared barged bead beadle beard beared bedel BEDRAGGLE beggared begred blade blared blasred bled bleed brad braised bread bred bread dazzer dale dare deal dealer dear daber deer drab drag draggle drag edas egred elder gaged garbed garbled gargled geared gold glad glade glared grade greed lads lasped lard lead leader ledge ledger legged raged ragged read reed regaled.

YOUR BIRTHDAY By STELLA

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

BORN today, you want, more than anything else, to make an important success of your life. You will do almost anything to court fame and fortune which you seem to think is your due. You have many talents and are able to make the most of them. You are not afraid of hard work, and sometimes your concentration to a single objective is such that you neglect other phases of existence.

You must be your own boss, however, for you find it difficult, if not impossible, to take direction. You are original in your ideas and feel that you have the right to develop them without intervention from outsiders. You love to plan things on a grand scale. Doing detail work annoys you, but since you have the talent for organising things, you easily get others to do the chores you dislike.

You have the power of persuading others to fall in line with your ideas and would do well in promotion, advertising and related fields. You have a quick temper, but it goes as quickly as it comes. Learn more self-control.

Generous and big-hearted, you will do anything for those you love. Your ties of kin are strong, and you want your family to have the best of everything. You may fall in love at first sight—and it probably will be someone born under Aquarius, Gemini or Scorpio.

Among those born on this date were: Spencer Fullerton Baird, zoologist and naturalist; Alvar Aalto, Finnish architect; Sidney Lanier, poet; Giulio Gatti-Casazza, opera manager, and Horace Greeley, noted newspaper editor.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—The full moon brings some confusion in the romantic sector. Appearances may be deceptive; exert caution.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Be frank and open today. Intrigue of any kind can only bring harmful confusion. Say and do exactly what you mean.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Don't experiment today. Hold fast to established patterns of procedure and all will go smoothly enough.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—An important day for you, but be especially cautious in all business dealings. Test everything carefully.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)—There can be employment problems which cause dissention among co-workers. Be as politic as you can.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Don't try to combine business and romance today. There will only be trouble and confusion if you do.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Results today depend upon how well you can control your personal affairs. Be tactful and diplomatic.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Something you have been postponing may come up for reconsideration today. Be sure you know what you are doing!

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—If involved in the problems of an old friend, be sure you are calm and tactful, otherwise complications could arise.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Give careful thought to all decisions pertaining to your job or your profession. Wisdom is needed.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—You may take a calculated business risk and expect to win out, but when it comes to romance, take it easy!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—If you are open and frank to admit what you want out of this day, then you are apt to get it.

WOMANSENSE

IT'S COLOUR FOR THE BEACH

By HAZEL MEYRICK

COLOUR is coming back on the beach—and so is the Bikini. That's the first news from the Italian couture collections. They showed one beach outfit after another in jazzy colours—purple with pink, for instance, or turquoise with jade green.

One designer, Baldini, showed Bikinis that were so brief that he had the greatest trouble getting his models to display them.

But the biggest news-maker on the fashionable beaches this year will be the summer sack. Looking like an emergency playsuit made out of a beach-towel, it is strapless, and hangs straight down, or is gathered into elasticised legs, like a child's rompers.

Starred at the Italian collections—very short velvet pants in olive green or lemon, topped by wide-necked, bloused shirts in vivid, splashy flower-prints, and wide, shady straw hats with new gimmicks, like a mock pig-tail of straw at the back or massed flowers of coloured raffia under the brim.

For people who like to swim around in pairs there are He-and-She sets—a vivid striped bathing suit for the girl, matching striped shorts for her husband or boy-friend. They were shown in such dazzling colour combinations as lime and coral on a white ground.

Elegant Twosome



By GRACE THORNCLIFFE

IF YOU are one who must shorten waistlines, you should be especially interested in the two-piece dress. This twosome, overblouse and skirt in navy or green satin, is easy to dress up or down in keeping with the occasion. The beautifully shaped over-blouse has a buttoned front and short sleeves. A bias-shaped inset meets the snug peplum, which is finished with a big tailored bow at the waist. The skirt is slim and narrow.

The Eyes Have It



Three styles priced between three and six guineas — seen at the Gina Davies "Teen and Twenty-Twenty Plus" Spring Collection in London last week. —Keystone.

Let's Eat

BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN

Like Chocolate Candy? Serve It As A Dessert

"ALMOST everybody loves candy but, when eaten between meals, it dulls normal appetites," I observed. "Candy for dessert is the perfect solution. I find the best way is to serve it in place of dessert, 'as is' with coffee or tea, or along with fresh grapes or a pear."

"I notice you did not suggest candy and a dessert, Madame," chuckled the Chef.

Single Piece

"No, but I suggest a single piece after dinner for children who have eaten their meal and taken their milk; or for adults who have no overweight problem.

"Chocolate miniatures rate only 24 calories apiece, a chocolate cream averages 51, and a small chocolate mint is 39 calories.



A CANDY DISH filled with chocolates and a pot of steaming coffee combine to make a most pleasurable ending to a meal.

"By the way, it's smart to eat chocolates right from their paper cups, a dainty way to protect the fingers."

MONDAY DINNER

Red and White Cabbage Salad
Broiled Liver Crisp Bacon
Whipped Potatoes
Corn-Tomato Casserole
Grapes or Maple Pecan Pie
Coffee or Tea Milk

All measurements are level; recipes proportioned to serve 4 to 6

Corn-Tomato Casserole: Melt 2 tbsp. butter or margarine. Toss with 1¾ c. cubes of enriched bread.

In oiled 1½-qt. casserole, put alternating layers of 1¼ c. of the bread cubes, 1 (No. 2) can whole kernel corn (drained), and 1 (No. 2) can slightly crushed tomatoes. Stir in 1 minced peeled small onion, 1 tsp. salt and ⅛ tsp. pepper.

Stir ½ c. grated sharp cheese into the remaining bread cubes. Spoon on top. Bake 30 min. in a mod. oven, 375° F.

Maple Pecan Pie: Make up the recipe for American pie pastry. Roll ⅔ of it to a scant ¼-in. thickness and line a 9-in. pie plate. Flute the edges.

To prepare the filling, beat 4 eggs until frothy. Add 1 c. each dark corn syrup and maple-blended syrup, ¼ tsp. salt, 1 tsp. pure vanilla extract, ½ tsp. cinnamon and 2 tbsp. melted butter or margarine. Mix in 1 c. halved pecan nutmeats.

Pour into the lined pie plate. Bake 45 min. in moderate oven, 375° F., or until firm in the center when toothpick is inserted.

"SWEETHEARTS" FROM THE CHEF

When you have fragments of pie pastry left over do you throw them away? Ah non! Make them into "sweethearts!"

To do this, press the fragments of pastry into a ball; roll thin, cut into heart shapes.

Bake 7 min. in a hot oven, 400° F.

While cooling, blend 1 c. confectioner's sugar, 2 tbsp. chopped raisins, 2½ tbsp. chopped nutmeats, 1 tbsp. lemon juice and 1 tbsp. water, or enough to make a thick frosting.

Spread on the pastry hearts. Sweethearts!

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BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

The Magnifying Glass

—An Old Man Explained It Made Things Look Big—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF, the Shadow Boy with the Turned-About Name, was taking a walk through the park with his friend, Teddy, the Stuffed Bear. All of a sudden, Teddy clutched Knarf's arm.

"What's the matter?" Knarf asked in alarm.

"Something's looking at me from under that bench over there," said Teddy, pointing to a round glittering object. It did indeed appear to be looking at Knarf and Teddy from under the park bench.

Knarf went to examine it more closely.

"It's a big eye!" said Teddy.

"No, it isn't!" said Knarf. "It's a magnifying glass!"

He Had A Cane

At that moment, an old man with a cane came along. He had several books under his arm.

"Pardon me," he said to Knarf and Teddy, looking at them and smiling in a friendly way. "Did either of you two gentlemen see my reading glass? I left it on this bench a little while ago."

"Oh, yes," said Knarf to the old man. "My friend Teddy here just found it."

"Oh, I'm very glad to hear that," said the old man. "I was afraid that I might have lost it. I can't read without that reading glass."

Teddy handed the reading glass back to the old man who thanked him and shook his hand.

Very Kind Bear

"You're a very kind Bear," he said.

"Thank you," said Teddy. "But I'd like to know something about that reading glass."

The old man sat himself down on the park bench. He invited Knarf and Teddy to sit down beside him.

"Now," he said to Teddy, "what exactly would you like to know about my reading glass?"

"I'd like to know," said Teddy, "whether I could read with it."

"Certainly you could read with it," said the old man. "I read with it."

"But I can't read," said Teddy.

"I can't read without it either," said the old man.

"I can't read without it," said Teddy. "And I don't think I can read with it."

Knarf said that was about right.

Never Went To School

"Teddy never learned how to read," he explained to the old man. "He never went to school."

The old man nodded.

"Yes, that's how it is," he agreed. "If you don't know how to read to begin with, a reading glass won't help you."

"Then why do you use it?" asked Teddy.

"It makes the words look bigger," answered the old man. "It's easier for me to see big words than to try to see small words. The reading glass is a magnifying glass. It makes small things look big."

Teddy's face brightened.

"That's just what I need," he said, "something to make small things look big. I want something to make a small piece of candy look like a big piece of candy. Will it?" he asked the old man, "make a small saucer of ice cream look like a big dish of ice cream?"



Teddy peered through the glass at the butterfly.

"A magnifying glass makes everything look big," said the old man; "Here, take a look at that butterfly standing on that bush over there."

One Eye Shut

Teddy took the magnifying glass and held it as close to the butterfly as he could get, peering through the glass at the same time with one eye shut.

"It's an airplane!" he suddenly yelled out. "It's an enormous, big, airplane! With eyes and a mouth and legs!"

Knarf and the old man laughed. Teddy was happy, for he now knew exactly what the old man meant when he said that a magnifying glass was useful in making small things look big. But he still doubted that it could make candy or ice cream really become bigger even though it seemed to be.

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Rupert and the Lost List—1



The weather has turned chilly and Rupert is playing with his toy train in front of a warm fire and has been chatting away about all sorts of things, about his pals and school and Christmas and parties and presents, when he notices an odd expression on his Daddy's face. "Keep quiet a minute, Rupert," says Mr Bear. "Did you hear a strange little noise just now?" Rupert gets up. "Yes, I believe I did but I paid no attention," he says. "Let's keep very still and see whether it sounds again."

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A VERY SLENDER VICTORY FOR THE BUSMEN

TWO MORE PLAYING YEARS FOR STANLEY MATTHEWS

Blackpool, Feb. 2.

Stanley Matthews, England's most famous footballer, who was 43 yesterday, said today he hoped to continue playing for at least two years more.

Matthews was commenting on reports that he had been offered the managership of his club, Blackpool, in succession to Mr Joe Smith, who has been given three months' notice.

Denying the rumour, he declared: "These reports are entirely false. Even if any offer should be made—and this is highly unlikely—I should not consider it. I am not interested in the job.

Not Giving Up

"Nor am I giving up playing soccer at the end of the season because of what has happened. I hope to continue in football as a player for at least two more years."

Mr Smith's dismissal was announced yesterday before the start of Blackpool's League match against Aston Villa.

The Villa players presented Matthews with a birthday gift of a briefcase before the teams took the field.—China Mail Special.

SOME REFLECTIONS ON LAST FRIDAY'S INDIVIDUAL BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS

By Our Boxing Reporter

This is certainly proving to be a lean year for boxing in the Colony. During recent months there has been a mounting appreciation that this is so and it was confirmed in the most significant way when the Land Forces Individual Championships were held at the Queen Elizabeth Youth Centre last Friday evening.

In spite of all the big show trimmings, slick management, and precise arrangements which we have come to expect from the Army boxing authorities, the naked truth was that the men who stepped into the ring generally lacked the ability that has characterised so many of their illustrious predecessors.

Courage and primitive fighting spirit there was in abundance, but students of the noble art looked in vain for even a vestige of the skill of Army boxers of the years gone by.

We looked in vain for the mercurial versatility of an Allison, the jaunty jaw-jolting jabs of a Jones, the power-packed persistence of a Dinning, the explosive short six-inch hook of a McGrath....a Dickinson....and we looked in vain also for rich ring personalities like the Burkes, the Boardmans, the Immaculate Mullens and so many more: their like was not to be found among the would-be champions of 1958.

This is not a case of looking at the past through rose coloured glasses: it is a simple statement of fistic fact.

Still Novices

Many of the willing youngsters who ducked through the ropes on Friday were still in the practical throes of their pugilistic noviciate even if, in an administrative sense, they had legitimately graduated to 'Open' class.

Of the 22 boxers who took part in the programme less than half-a-dozen really came near to Championship standard.... and two of them—L/Bdr. Stevenson and Cfn. Boothman—were not chasing a title.

The best performance of the evening was given by Pte. Paton in winning the Light Welterweight class....and he had a worthy opponent in Cfn. Logue. Paton employed a persistent piston-like left to halt his tough adversary in his tracks and he timed his own counter-attacks skilfully.

In the heavyweight division Pte. Heywood of the RAOC proved himself to be an experienced and very competent boxer who would have done even better had he been pitted against a more orthodox opponent than 2/Lt. Abbott. Heywood has a fine physique and a most pleasing style. In the peak of condition and with some hard training against the right kind of opposition he could certainly make his mark in good class boxing circles.

Has A Punch

I reserve comment on Bdr. Innes who won the Light Middleweight title when the referee stopped the bout in his favour midway through the first round. This young man certainly has a right hand punch, although it is not always delivered correctly, and, while his victory was worthily won, it will be necessary to see him against better opposition before making a decision as to his true merit.

The spectators gave a most enthusiastic ovation to Gnr. Gibbons and Tpr. Bushell in their tussle for the Flyweight title. This was a spontaneous show of appreciation for two little men with big hearts. There was a minimum of courage in their efforts and towards the end of the third round they were both so tired that it became a major task for either of them to push out even a pawing glove.

As a display of the instinctive determination to survive or as a show of the 'No Surrender' spirit it was superb . . . as an exhibition of Championship boxing it was bitterly disappointing. Incidentally, Bushell, who very sportingly took part at short notice, was declared the winner.

Special Contest

The only other moments of real enthusiasm during the evening were reserved for a most spirited Special Contest between Stevenson and Boothman in which the former gained a narrow points victory, and for another display of blind courage by 2/Lt. Carrington in the Light Heavyweight class. In spite of heavy punishment the young officer somehow defied the persistent but ill-conceived efforts of Gnr. Hunt to knock him out.

The overall standard of Colony boxing has long been set by the standard of Army boxing and there is no doubt that the present indifferent season we are having is due in large measure to the fact that the Army in Hongkong is at the moment passing through a lean period as far as first class fistic talent is concerned.

New Champions

The full list of new Champions is as follows:—

Flyweight.—Tpr. Bushell (1. RTR).

Bantamweight.—Pte. Walsh (1. E. Lan. R).

Featherweight.—Sgt. Morris (49 Fd. Regt RA).

Lightweight.—C/Cpl. Hewitt (3 Sup. Depot RASC).

Light Welterweight.—Pte. Paton (1. E. Lan. R).

Welterweight.—Pte. Harrison (1. E. Lan. R).

Light Middleweight.—Bdr. Innes (74 LAA Regt RA).

Middleweight.—Pte. McVey (1. E. Lan. R).

Light Heavyweight.—Gnr. Hunt (74 LAA Regt. RA).

Heavyweight.—Pte. Heywood (0 COD, RAOC).

Jardines Hold KMB To A Goalless First Half Before Bowing Out

By I. M. MacTAVISH

One of these days . . . and that very soon . . . this KMB team is going to suffer a shock defeat at the hands of one of the lesser lights in the competition. When it happens they will have only themselves to blame for the truth of the matter is that some of the big names in the side are allowing big heads to prejudice the real work of the team. They got a stern last warning yesterday.

On the slippery surface of the Club Stadium they scratched out a very slender 2-1 victory over Jardines. On footballing merit—based on past performances at least—this should have been an easy hurdle for them. Instead we saw them struggling desperately to cling to a solitary goal advantage which they never really deserved.

The trouble with this star-studded KMB outfit isn't lack of ability, it is a surfeit of a sort of cocky, almost contemptuous, confidence which finds them taking liberties that are quite unjustified by the run of the play.

Yesterday we had several glaring examples of this kind of thing and Lau Tim was the culprit-in-chief. In the early stages he seemed to take a particular delight in showing the spectators how easily he could deal with even a top class centre-forward like Kwok Moon-wah . . . his great mistake was in thinking that such treatment would dishearten the Jardines leader.

Instead it merely coaxed Kwok to greater effort and long before the end he had the big pivot waving his arms for help, shouting loudly for assistance, and looking anything but the type of centre-half one would expect to see in Colony colours against the Koreans in a couple of weeks time.

Far From Accurate

Lau Tim was not, however, the only Busman to underrate the opposition and Wai Fat-kim, Lo Pak, Lau Kai-chu and Lau Shu-wah were others who found their original assessment of their immediate opponents was far from accurate.

In spite of all this KMB were a long way ahead of Jardines in the more refined soccer skills, but whatever the 'Babes' lacked in competence they more than countered with their keenness and courage.

They held the Championship-seeking Busmen to a goalless first half and got a big ovation from the crowd for that achievement. In the early stages of the second half they seemed to tire for a time and during that period they lost two vital goals.

Instead of being downhearted by this double reverse they suddenly buckled to and waded into the wobbly KMB rear lines with renewed vigour. They were rewarded with a brilliant goal . . . and with just a little luck they might very easily have equalised. They did have a stroke of luck of a different kind at the other end when the referee chalked off a goal neatly headed in by Lau Kai-chu, but Kwok Moon-wah and his mates just failed to cash in on the uncertainty they had spread in the KMB rear lines.

Excellent Decision

Incidentally the Jardines goal was allowed by the referee in spite of some frantic signalling by a flag-happy linesman. Cheung Yui-wai, who scored the goal with a glorious long range shot, almost had his fine effort nullified by the linesman flagging for an offence by another player in his side who was not interfering with the play. Referee Darbyshire would have none of it however and his decision to let the goal stand was an excellent one.

The playing pitch at the Club Stadium had made a quick recovery from the heavy rain of the day before and although the top surface was a bit soft and slippery, playing conditions were surprisingly good. The weather was crisp and cold and right from the first whistle both teams played as though they wanted to get their blood circulation really going.

The ball was swung about from end to end at a lively tempo and as the game progressed it looked as though Jardines needed only a bit more bite forward to cause an upset.

KMB's wing halves Tang Sum and Leung Kit generally seemed to have the measure of the Jardines inside forwards, but it is difficult to put a really accurate pointer on this particular aspect of the game for an early injury to centre-half Hui Ping-sang necessitated the Jardines wing halves dropping back a shade with the result that the inside men never really got the support they needed.

The first half was surprisingly even and while Tam Woon-cheuk had more actual saving to do than Wai Fat-kim, there were close things at both ends.

The crowd settled back in keen expectation of a rousing second half and they were at least partially satisfied.

Lau Chi-lam put the Busmen in the lead six minutes after the re-start when he scored a real opportunist goal from about 25 yards out. He suddenly got the woodwork in his sights and fired the ball for a spot close to Tam Woon-cheuk's right hand post. The goalkeeper got a touch on the ball but it went into the net. It was a grand shot but nevertheless I thought Tam might have saved it. I thought his own feelings were much along the same lines.

Grand Saves

He made a couple of grand saves just afterwards and was very unlucky to be beaten a second time after he had courageously thrown himself into the path of two point-blank blockbusters by Ng Tim-loy and Lau Chi-lam. The ball was eventually bundled into the net in a concerted rush by the KMB forwards. It looked as though Lau Kai-chu had the final kick at it before it crossed the line.

For a time Jardines seemed resigned to defeat but they started to fight back and when Cheung Yui-wai crashed a 25-yarder out of Wai Fat-kim's reach in the 71st minute they were right back in the game with a vengeance. They piled on the pressure and the KMB defenders looked a ragged and uncertain lot indeed.

Just before the end the referee disallowed a goal headed in at the other end by Lau Kai-chu and the game finished with the little side giving the big one the biggest fright of its life.

Jardines got excellent service from Tam Woon-cheuk, Ng Chee-wing, Lok Tak-hing, Cheung Yui-wai and patient, unruffled Kwok Moon-wah.

The Busmen had few stars who lived up to their reputation and only Lo Kwok-leung, Tang Sum, Lau Chi-lam and Lam Kam-tong will recall the game with very much satisfaction.

Verdict

KMB just deserved to win if only because of their superior skill....what a pity they didn't have Jardines' will to go with it. One of these days the KMB 'casuals' are going to get a rude awakening.

Teams

KMB: Wai Fat-kim; Lo Pak, Lo Kwok-leung; Tang Sum, Lau Tim, Leung Kit; Ng Tim-loy, Lau Chi-lam, Lau Kai-chu, Lam Kam-tong, Lau Shu-wah.

Jardines: Tam Woon-cheuk; Ng Chee-wing, Chan Pui-ching; Au See-sing, Hui Ping-sang, Lok Tak-hing; Lai Chit-sing, Fung Kee-leung, Kwok Moon-wah, Cheung Yui-wai, Lau Yee-keung.

Juan Fangio Wins Buenos Aires Grand Prix Race

Buenos Aires, Feb. 2.

World Champion Juan Manuel Fangio finally won a race before the home folk today when he drove his Maserati to victory in the City of Buenos Aires Grand Prix.

Fangio had met nothing but disappointment in two earlier races here this season. He finished fourth in the Grand Prix of Argentina two weeks ago and was forced to quit a special 1,000-kilometre race last week-end.

In today's race, Fangio battled Luigi Musso of Italy most of the way, finishing the 60-lap event in two hours, 38 minutes, 47.3 seconds.

Musso was second in 2:39:56.7.

Moss Fails

Among those who failed to finish were Stirling Moss, winner of the Grand Prix of Argentina, and Peter Collins, who teamed with Phil Hill of Santa Monica, California, to win last week's tuning-up event.

Moss dropped out of the race after colliding with another car. His Cooper Climax went into a spin after the collision, but he emerged unhurt. Collins had quit early because of a broken drive shaft.

Wolfgang von Trips of Germany piled up his Ferrari while negotiating a double hairpin turn. He too escaped serious injury.

Following the race, Fangio admitted he was pleased with his victory, but reiterated that he did not plan to defend his world title this year. He said he would compete in only "two or three" more events this season.—United Press.

TABLE TENNIS

West Germany, Feb. 2.

Conny Freundorfer won the German Table Tennis Championship here today for the sixth time, dropping only one game in his six matches at Neumuenster.

In the final he beat Erich Arndt 21-15, 21-14, 21-15.

The women's title went to Ueshi Fielder, who beat Hanne Schlaf 15-21, 19-21, 21-8, 22-20, 21-16.—Reuter.



Army On Top Of The Pentangular Rugby Tournament Table

By "PAK LO"

A weak-tackling Club XV on a wet soft pitch, a most unusual combination, fell before the more solid Army XV on Saturday afternoon at Kai Tak by 8 points (1 goal, 1 try) to 3 points (1 dropped goal), thus handing the Army two all important Pentangular points and sending them to the top of the Table.

In the first match at Kai Tak the Police drew with the RAF, each XV scoring three points. The Airmen scored a try and the Police replied with a penalty conversion, though overall neither side deserved a draw.

At Boundary Street a more lively Navy XV beat an Army XV by 5 points (1 goal) to 3 points (1 penalty goal), while in the curtain raiser the Club "B" converted a penalty goal, and in the second half the RAF "B" made it three-all with a try.

Beyond Club and Army changing places in the Pentangular Table the order remains unchanged, with the Police now having the same number of points as the Club, and with the Airmen treading hard on their heels.

This is how they now stand:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Army	3	2	1	0	28	16	5
Club	3	2	0	1	22	18	4
Police	4	1	2	1	24	23	4
RAF	3	1	1	1	16	21	3
Navy	3	0	0	3	22	34	0

Club v Army

The Army won this game because their threes tackled well, one man being sufficient to down an opponent. The Club on the other hand tackled high, and often had to use three men to stop one man, leaving a wide gap in their defence. Had it not been for Hearn, who positioned himself magnificently throughout, and whose touch kicking was really good, the Army would have walked this game. The Club also, despite the soft conditions and the slippery ball, failed to fall on it when the Army forwards took it on in the loose. The Army had only to kick ahead, or along the ground to be almost certain, unless they sent it near Hearn, of making ground.

The Army forwards dominated the set scrums, winning the strike even when the ball went in on the side of the loose head. This gave them a big advantage, as with the wet ball many of the lineouts were "blown up" for knocking on and became scrums.

The Club did better than the Army in the lineouts but the forwards bowed before the heavier Army pack as the game progressed.

Rowe and Davis, the two Army halves, did extremely well, and only Penman gave them any trouble.

O'Kelly played well, but was too busy trying to dummy his way through, when he should have kicked ahead for his forwards, to be really successful. The Club threes started well, but did not run straight enough, and instead of feeding their forwards with short kicks ahead of the pack, they cross-kicked upfield, well ahead of everyone, and Leppard, who played a faultless game, had little trouble in clearing his line. The type of game also killed off the Club forwards who towards the end were struggling badly.

The Army kicked off and were awarded a penalty for offside round the scrum within a minute, but Gerrard was short and the Club attacked in their turn. A good forward rush threatened the Army line, indicating to the Club what they should do to win, but they failed to take any notice of this tactic.

Penalised

Ten minutes after the start the Army were penalised on their own 25 well out on the wing for tackling a man while he was dribbling the ball.

O'Kelly was short but an Army fumble gave the Club a 5-yard scrum and the ball was heeled smartly to O'Kelly who dropped a lovely goal from 20 yards out. 3-0.

For the next ten minutes Club maintained the pressure, but slowly, if a trifle scrappily at first, the Army forwards took control. A scrum on the Club 25 saw the ball move out to Davis who drew two men and gave the ball to Gerrard. The latter cut through to score under the posts, leaving an easy conversion for Leppard. 5-3.

In the second half Haddow nearly scored but hit the corner post as he was crossing the line, and then a few minutes later Busby got to a loose ball and crashed his way over. Leppard missed the conversion. 8-3.

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This game was a bit scrappy though the RAF threes were much superior, but they did not finish off their moves. In defence they did, unlike the Police, fall on the ball when it went loose, and for better handling and tactics deserved to win. The Police won the majority of the scrums but the RAF pack dominated the lineouts.

Most Dangerous

Little in the centre of the RAF threes was easily the most dangerous with his fast straight running, and his good handling. He was greatly aided by Cornah who played a steady if not a brilliant game.

For the Police Reynolds was the star, with Walker always liable to upset the RAF when he got the chance. The Police, who took the field without Lloyd, Riach or Lewis, were on the whole weak behind the scrum. Even Johnstone failed to realise the danger of gathering a rolling ball instead of falling on it, and he concentrated too much on watching his attackers when he should have "kept his eye on the ball."

In the opening minutes the Airmen attacked and the ball was kicked ahead towards Johnstone. He tried to pick it up, but Little, following up fast, kicked it through, his grasping fingers and raced after the ball to touch down as it went over the line. No conversion. 3-0.

In the second half a determined Police attack saw Walker break away with a lovely run, but he was obstructed when the ball went loose thirty yards from the RAF line. Johnstone came up, took, and converted the penalty. 3-3.

RAF "B" v Club "B"

A very scrappy forward mauli is the only description that can be applied to this particular match, for neither set of threes moved at all to any great extent. In the first half after ten minutes the Airmen were penalised for offside on their own 25, and Gault converted. In the second half Spier, the RAF wing forward, broke through for a nice try well out which was not converted. 8-3.

RUSSIANS WIN ICE HOCKEY

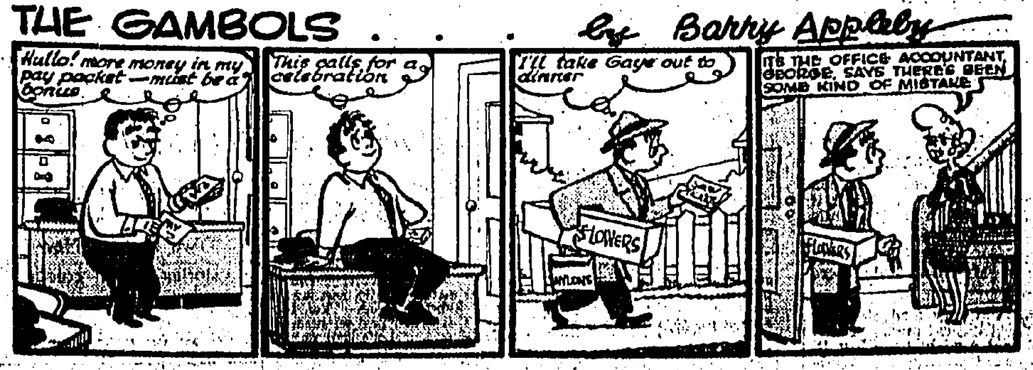
West Germany, Feb. 2.

The Soviet Union tonight scored their second successive victory over West Germany in an ice hockey match by 8-4 at Munich.

Period scores: 3-1, 1-1, 4-2.

The Russians last night won 5-2 at Garmisch-Partenkirchen.—Reuter.

THE GAMBOLS . . . by Barry Appleby





RESOUNDING VICTORIES FOR THE FAVOURITES

SHEK O GOLF

F. de Jong Wins Archie Lyle Cup

Having been runner-up last year, F. de Jong was successful this year in winning the match play competition for the Archie Lyle Cup, beating J. F. Shoemaker 2 & 1 in the final over 36 holes.

The winners of the December & January running pools were as follows:—

December Medal. "A"—R. P. Moodie (10) tied with J. F. Shoemaker (6) with 2 card averages of 65 each, but Moodie was declared the winner having the better second card. H. D. Frantz (11) put in one card with a nett 60 but this good effort was wasted as no second card was returned as called for in the conditions of the competition. In the "B" section C. L. Hill (24) won with nett cards of 58 & 60, just beating E. Petignat (24) who had netts of 58 & 63.

January Stableford. "A"—H. D. Barton (5) had two cards with 38 points each, just beating L.B. Newby (8) who returned cards with 35 and 39 points. In "B" Section, Major J.C. Robertson (12) won with 36 and 39 points with H. Sardeman (18) being runner-up, with 39 and 37.

Shek O members are reminded the match against the RHKGC will be played at Fanling on February 23 and those wishing to play for Shek O should enter their names on the list posted in the clubhouse on or before February 16.

East Rand Golf Championship

Springs, Feb. 2.

Bobby Locke of South Africa, the British Open Champion, tied with Eric Moore, a local professional, in the East Rand Golf Championship at Springs today. They had aggregates of 277 for the 72 holes.

Harold Henning, South African Open Champion, was third with 281.—Reuter.

P.I. Open Tennis Championship

Manila, Feb. 3.

The Philippine National Open Tennis Championship got underway yesterday with the only foreign entry, Ulf Schmidt, still scheduled to arrive this week from Hongkong.

Seeded players, such as the defending champion, Raymundo Deyro, Felicisimo Ampon and Juan Jose, did not play yesterday.

This is the first Philippine Open shorn of good foreign participation.—France-Presse.

GOALGETTER TO GOALKEEPER

Remember Harold Hassell, brilliant England and Bolton forward, who had to retire prematurely from the game? Well, his brother Arthur has for long been star goalscorer for Lymm Grammar School Old Boys in the Lancashire Amateur League. Now he has changed over to goalkeeping with such success that he has just gained his first representative honour.

BRIDGE

Argentine Takes The Lead In International Championships

Como, Feb. 2.

The Argentine team unexpectedly picked up 37 points from the leading Americans in 20 deals in today's session of the Triangular International Bridge Championship between the United States, Argentina and Italy.

The most important meeting of the day will take place later tonight between the United States and Italy.

The results of the first session of the 8th day gave Argentina 34 points to Italy's 26.

Argentina piled up 47 points to the US's 10 in the second session. After eight sessions, the standings in the triangular match were Italy (206 points) leading Argentina (156 points), United States (239 points) leading Argentina (169 points).—France-Presse.

Sports Diary

TODAY

Tennis

Exhibition games by Ulf Schmidt at CRC, 7.30 p.m.

TOMORROW

Tennis

Exhibition Games by Ulf Schmidt at HKCC, 4 p.m.

Badminton

Miss Margaret Varner Exhibition at CCC.

Soviet Soccer Players For China

Moscow, Feb. 2.

Thirty Soviet footballers from whom the Soviet soccer team for the World Championship matches will eventually be selected left today for China Tass, the Soviet News Agency, said.

Profiting by the warm weather in South China, they will play a few friendly matches there.—Reuter.

Saints Chalk Up Their Ninth Straight Win By Trouncing South China

By "TIME OUT"

The uncertain weather and the condition of the ground dampened the enthusiasm of practically all our local softballers with the exception of one Junior Leaguer. In fact he was so full of vitality that his energetic efforts almost contributed to the makings of a near upset of the Junior League leaders, the Seminoles, at the hands of the Comets. The tribe eventually won this important game by 12 runs to 10 but no thanks is due to their over-keen outfielder.

Only two other League games were played off and both resulted in resounding victories for the favourites. The Saints rang up their ninth straight win by trouncing a hopelessly outclassed South China team by 20 runs to 4 while the afternoon encounter saw the Warriors keep within striking distance of the Joeys with an easy 32 runs to 3 triumph over CAA.

Both the Warriors and Athletics fielded reserve pitchers. The winners' Jimmy Chang did an excellent job of holding the opposition to five scattered hits as his teammates unleashed a barrage of 17 hits on the losers which included two over-the-fence triples off the booming bat of husky lefty Tony Rodrigues—and that is about the only thing worthy of mention in a dull game that caused the first-base umpire to complain of a slow cramp on the soles of his feet!

Confusion

The only game scheduled for Saturday was rained out while there was some confusion at King's Park earlier yesterday as the undergraduates of the Hongkong University and a full Wah Ying side tramped up to the ground only to find it unplayable.

The handful of partisan fans who trooped up to the park to watch the Junior League game between the Comets and Seminoles were well rewarded for their efforts. Batting first, the Comets' Tony Djeng was an easy out on a grounder to pitcher Lal Dayaram. John Goodair then bounced a single to left-field and when Kotwall's drive to right was muffed Goodair crossed the plate for the Comets' and the game's first run. Kotwall stole third, but was left there as the next two batters failed to push him across for another run.

In their turn at bat, the Seminoles quickly wrested the lead. Johnson Shen worked pitcher Reggie Hamet for a base on balls and advanced to second on an infield out. A fumble by catcher Tommy Chadd had Shen at third and then "Mr Shortstop" Klondike Wong singled sharply for Shen to tie up the game. Wong going all the way to third on an attempted pick-off at second base, which went wild to end up in the pastures. The relay to third also got lost and Wong hit the plate for the Seminoles' second run.

Final Result

The Comets failed to score in the second inning and in this frame the Seminoles really went to town. Going to work in earnest on pitcher Hamet the erstwhile champs rapped out 6 hits and this, coupled with three stolen bases and a steady succession of errors by the losers, accounted for a vital eight tallies which were to prove invaluable in the long run as the final result proved.

Leading by 10 runs to 1, the Seminoles increased their lead to 10 runs when slugger Klondike Wong fooled the Comet infield by beating out a neat bunt along third. Bernard Lee's hit advanced him to second. Then two routine plays at first on the next two batters pushed Wong over for run number eleven.

The Comets just couldn't make any headway until the top of the fifth when they had the fans on the edge of their seats with a rally which should have produced the tying runs except for some foolish base-running by the Comets' Michael Husbain who kept peering at the infield while on his way to first base and a potential run was thrown away. Tony Djeng got on base via an error by shortstop Wong, Goodair's bunt advancing him to second and Goodair himself being declared safe at first. With two on Kotwall's grounder had the Seminole infield at sixes and sevens and when it was decided to play either third or first it was already too late — the batter was safely on and the sacks were brimming with Comets.

Stole Spotlight

Seminole centre-fielder Marciano "K.H." Baptista then stole the spotlight when he chose to ignore the danger in the situation by playing too close in. The Comets' Tommy Chadd was not slow to appreciate the potentialities and Baptista paid for his over-confidence by having to back-pedal for the ball which sailed way over his head for two runs to score, Kotwall ending up at third and Chadd at second.

The next batter up, John Bryant, latched onto one of Lal Dayaram's slow pitches and what should have been an easy out at left-field was turned into disaster as out of the blue there appeared a bolt of lightning which would have put Stephen Xavier to shame. Yes, it was the on-the-ball Baptista again. He bumped into left-fielder Lo with such force that the ball already safely tucked away in Lo's glove took a hop and yet another run crossed the plate.

This display of "eager beaveritis" quickly drew rightful admonition from Seminole mentor "Chief" Carvalho who I had yet to see, that is until yesterday, storm across the field to give a word of advice to his charges. Two infield errors later the scoreboard read Seminoles 11, Comets 7.

Slender Lead

In the top of the seventh the Comets came within an inch of being on equal terms with the Seminoles by scoring 3 more runs but the latter, having managed to push across one more run on a foolish fielder's choice by the Comets, a run they hardly deserved, clung on to their slender lead and run out unworthy winners by a measly pair of runs.

The weakness in the Comet team lay in their inability to pull just that little extra out of the bag for no less than 10 of them were left to cool their heels on the sacks. On the day's showing the Seminoles must surely consider themselves fortunate to have won this game for they played a brand of softball that certainly gives the lie to their current position as League-leaders. Losing pitcher Hamet received poor fielding support from the Comets and gave up nine hits to the Seminoles' pitcher Lal Dayaram's 10. Dayaram will pitch worse than he did and win ball games and the less said of his hurling the better.

Lastly a word of wisdom to all Junior Leaguers. Always remember that it is how you react to the barracking from the spectators that will eventually show whether or not you have the makings of a good sportsman and softballer.

SPORTRAIT



"It is not usual in badminton, Jenkins, for the winner to jump the net——."

London Express Service

Lawn Tennis Exhibition Matches

The following tennis exhibition matches featuring Ulf Schmidt, the Davis Cup player, against the Colony stars, have been arranged by the Hongkong Lawn Tennis Association for February 4 and 5. All matches originally arranged will be played off with very slight variation at the Hongkong Cricket Club:

FEBRUARY 4

4 p.m.—Ulf Schmidt and Ho Cheong-po vs Edwin Tsai and Michael Lo; 5 p.m.—Ulf Schmidt vs Ip Koon-hung.

FEBRUARY 5

4 p.m.—Ulf Schmidt and Saubolle vs Edwin Tsai and Ip Koon-hung; 5 p.m.—Ulf Schmidt vs K. C. Dao.

RED FACES

Earlestown FC players and officials were embarrassed when they learned that the outside left of Morecambe who did the "hat trick" against them in their 3-0 Lancashire Cup tie defeat was really the winners' reserve goalkeeper! He had been drafted into a hastily reshuffled side.

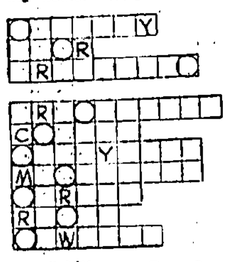
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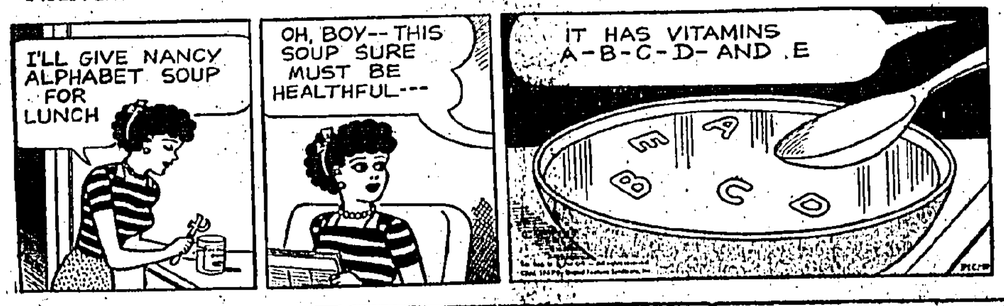
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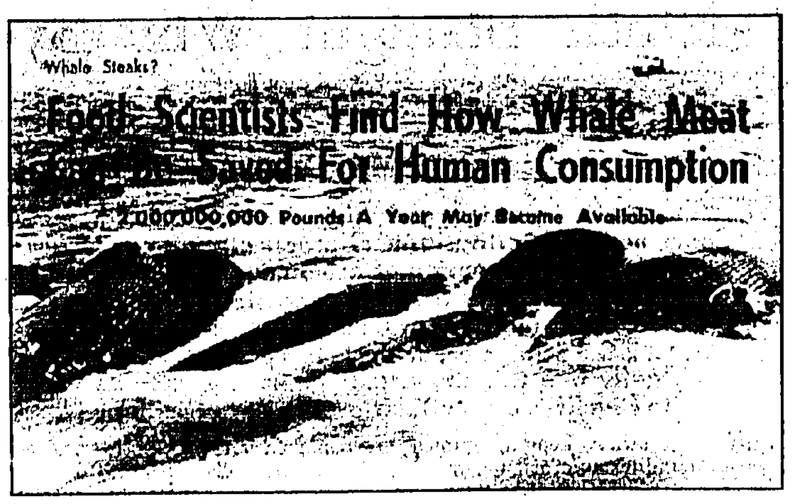
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Science And Engineering



In their urgent search for new ways to feed a multiplying world population, food scientists have paid special attention to the potentials of the sea. They have learned how to make plankton, the tiny sea "plant", into a wholesome although not too appetising meal.

Until recently the experts were stumped by the other extreme of sea-life, the whale. These huge mammals, the most obvious source of food in the sea after fish, were prized catches for whaling fleets—but for purposes other than human food.

Hundreds of thousands of tons of prime "whale steaks" go to waste yearly, meat that is desperately needed by a protein hungry world. The main problem, whalers explained, was that the whale carcass began to spoil right after the catch. By the time it could be processed, it served only for by-products—oil, fertilizer, sometimes animal food. And rapid spoilage lowered the quality of these, too.

Then, with surprising rapidity, the picture changed. A way was found to solve the problem and to make possible in the near future a tremendous increase in the world supply of meat. Whale steaks may soon appear on millions of tables.

A little more than a year ago a Canadian scientist who had won an international reputation through a series of successful food-preservation experiments decided to try out a new way of keeping whale meat fresh.

At the end of his test, he reported that in this new way he had kept a whale carcass fresh during 48 hours—while a control carcass untreated, rapidly spoiled.

The scientist, Dr Hugh L. A. Tarr, acting director of the Pacific Fisheries Experimental Station, used in his tests an antibiotic formulation like that already used in many countries to prolong the freshness of meat, fish and fowl.

He thus opened up a whole new range of possibilities for the whaling fleets of the world and for a meat-needy population. As techniques improve, it might become possible for as much as 2,000 million pounds of whale meat to be made available on the world market each year.

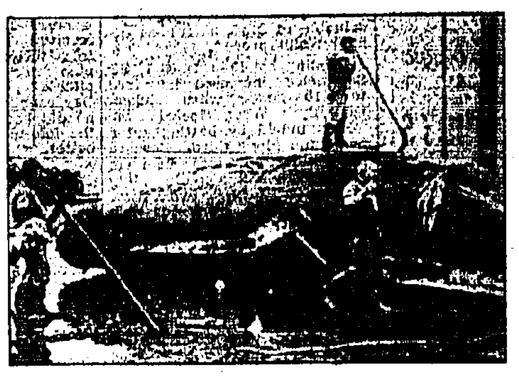
This is almost three times the amount of beef produced by Uruguay, prominent world supplier.

Following Dr Tarr's experiments, American Cyanamid Company, which originated the antibiotic preservative, known commercially as Aeroaize, undertook a series of technical tests to determine the best way of adapting its use to modern whaling conditions.

Typical of these tests was one recently carried out off the coast of South America under the direction of John Pfeiffer of the American Cyanamid Company.

Adapting materials at hand aboard a whaler operating in the Humboldt Current off Paracas, Peru, the American Cyanamid technician constructed a tank to hold a solution of Acronize and to support an air pressure equal to that in the main air-pressure tank of the whaler.

A pipe connection was run from the "Acronize" tank to the air pipe normally used to inflate captured whales so they can be towed or left to float until processed.



Chopping away at a whale is hard work but whalemen in the photo find the meat fresh. Anti-biotic preservative, Acronize, was injected into this whale when caught and the carcass stayed fresh during the haul to the station.

When the whale carcass was inflated, the antibiotic solution mixed in with the air, under pressure, and at the same time the solution was sprayed into the visceral cavity of the whale with a sharp-pointed "atomizer" made out of a pipe.

Reaching all parts of the whale's "innards", the solution immediately went to work to retard the growth of spoilage-causing bacteria. When a whale is killed, bacteria spead with exceptional speed, especially a variety called clostridium which causes rapid spoilage. By retarding the bacteria, the "Acronize" retarded spoilage.

It was calculated that this deterring action gave the whaler at least 48 additional hours to process the carcass while it was still fresh. This was "key" time which made all the difference between saving and losing the meat. And for immediate commercial purposes, it also assured the highest possible quality of the oil, which in this particular case was the main reason for whaling.

As these technical applications proceed, it is probable that the first commercial uses of the new preservative by the whaling industry will, in fact, be to assure the high quality of whale-oil and by-products.

But the way is now clear for full utilisation of the whale, not only as a source of oil, fertiliser and other by-products, but as a huge new source of nutritious human food.

In theory, at least, one large whale can provide a meal for 15,000 people.

With an annual catch as high as 50,000 whales, an estimate of a meal for 750,000,000 people would not seem theoretically impossible.

Also significant, the gourmets say, is that a whale steak properly prepared, tastes every bit as good as a chateaubriand.

Self-Propelled Harvester Has Small Diesel Engine

A new 1.6 litre British diesel engine designed for small self-propelled combine harvesters made its first public appearance at the Smithfield Show.

It will be known as the Four 99 (TA) agricultural-type diesel engine and incorporates a new combustion system. It is also suitable for small tractor and many other farm applications.

The firm state the compression ignition diesel engine is not affected by moisture when left overnight in the field. The non-inflammable nature of the fuel makes the ever-present fire hazards in the harvest field negligible.

It has been tested by manufacturers in nine different combines in Britain, Sweden, Germany, Austria and Italy during harvesting this summer for a period totalling more than 2,700 hours.

The series of tests with the new engine over the past five years included 3,000 hours continuous running at 3,000 rpm under maximum load conditions. Quality production of the engine is planned to start soon.

It is a four-cylinder, in-line engine with a 3 inch bore, 3.5 inch stroke and a cubic capacity of 99 cu. inches. This engine will incorporate the C.V.A. distributor-type fuel pump. Mounted on the timing case, the pump can be fitted with either mechanical or hydraulic governors. The cylinder head is of high duty cast iron. The upper part of the combustion chamber is hemispherical in shape and is machined into the cylinder head. The lower half of the chamber is formed by an inserted machined plug, containing the throat connecting chamber to cylinder.

The cylinder block and crankcase are cast in one piece. Wet centrifugally-cast cylinder liners are fitted. The crankshaft is made from an alloy steel stamping which has four balance weights forged integrally with the shaft. The main and crankpin journals are induction hardened and the crankshaft is supported by three thin wall pre-finished steel-backed, lead bronze-lined main bearings.

Light alloy pistons are fitted with three compression and two oil control rings and have fully floating gudgeon pins. The camshaft and fuel pump are gear driven from the crankshaft through helically cut gears. High-pressure forced lubrication is used. [F. Perkins Ltd, Peterborough, England].

BUSHRANGERS, A DRAMA AND A HISTORICAL PRODUCTION

"ROBBERY Under Arms" is the Rank Organisation's film of the best-selling novel of that name. This is one of the more lavish films, and nothing is spared to give all the realism of Australia of the 1850s, together with the unspoilt beauty of the country contrasted with the rough pioneering spirit of that age.

Made in Eastman Colour, directed by Jack Lee, produced by Joseph Janni, starring Peter Finch and Ronald Lewis, it is an example of what can be done with an outdoor drama, and it moves right away from the hackneyed plots of the wide-open-spaces pictures.

The action is swift and contrasted with the beautiful scenes of the huge unspoilt country which must be much the same as it was when the action of this film took place.

The tone of the film is set in its opening scenes. Ronald Lewis and David McCullum have just been paid off after a profitable season on a sheep station.

They receive an invitation from their lawless father to join him as members of Captain Starlight's (Peter Finch) cattle stealing gang, which they do with considerable profit, selling the cattle at old Adelaide.

I have already elsewhere spoken of Peter Finch. He is superb in these roles, combining the qualities of toughness without that primitive brutality which sometimes spoil these kind of films.

The romantic episode is introduced by the Morrison sisters, Jill Ireland and Maureen Swanson, but as the two boys have become involved with Peter Finch, the ways of love do not run smooth.

This kind of film is going to take over from the Westerns which had exhausted their plots until only the fast gun was left. There is gunplay in this, but it is incidental to the film which gives an authentic picture of the pioneering days of Australia.

A very good film indeed.

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"THE Tattered Dress" a Universal-International courtroom drama which is on show at the Metropole and Star, is a taut suspenseful story that is well acted and produced.

Filmed in CinemaScope, the picture has a well-known cast in Jeff Chandler, Jeanne Crain, Jack Carson, Gail Russel, and Elaine Stewart, playing the leads, and a good supporting cast.

Chandler gives a fine representation of a brilliant lawyer hired to defend Philip Reed on a charge of murder. He defends Reed successfully only to find himself on a charge of bribing the jury. The film is then concerned with two thrilling courtroom scenes, and the story revolves around these dramatic episodes.



This is the kind of film that necessarily brings every character to play his part alone, the atmosphere arising out of the individual portrayals, set in contrasting characterisation.

So Jeanne Crain as Chandler's wife who is estranged from her husband, Gail Russel as the woman used to frame Chandler, and Elaine Stewart as the two-timing wife of Philip Reed, all give good performances, as they must if the film is to successfully exploit its theme.

It is an exciting film for the fan who likes these tense scenes, and it runs out true to the ways of this wicked old world.

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WARNER Brothers, who are always ready to experiment with a new kind of production, have something rather clever, and almost rashly experimental in "The Story of Mankind" which is on show at the Lee and Astor theatres. The idea is based upon Hendrik van Loon's book which has sold in astronomical figures, and must have come your way sometime.

The manner of introducing the story is clever, even artistic. The film achieves a merit you cannot compare, because nothing like it has been attempted before.

It is impossible to run through the star list because it is so vast; everyone who is anyone in films has a part.

The film is a daring excursion into history. It is made in Technicolour, and as you can guess, with the Marx Brothers in it, some of the historical episodes are quite definitely hysterical.

Produced and directed by Irwin Allen, the research and the production is overwhelming. When you consider that you start in pre-historic times and emerge in modern days, in one house at the pictures, is a pretty solemn thought.

But there it is; early caveman fighting for the woman he loves, Caesar and Mark Anthony, still fighting for the woman they love; Cleopatra, Nero and Rome, Napoleon after Waterloo, and right on up to the H-Bomb.

It has more than novelty. It is as entertaining as the book. More in fact, because the director has made fine use of the cameras, and the Technicolour medium.

And by the way, did you know that "The Story of Mankind" is the world's third best seller?

Telecrit
By
JOHN LUFF

I HAVE found one local Radio and Television dealer who feels optimistic enough about the future of TV in this Colony to turn out a set that can be purchased for round about $1,000. It has a 14 inch screen, and can be wired up to the TV circuit, the owner paying a fee to TV for the wired vision service.

In my opinion, it is not advisable to purchase a set because you would not recover your original purchase until you had used the set for just over four years. Meanwhile, with the full hire of TV services, your set is also maintained, and replacements under fair wear and tear guarantee are included. And a new tube is a costly replacement as anyone at home will tell you.

★ ☆ ★

The past week's programmes were greatly improved by the addition of the new films. I should say new-old films. They were in excellent condition both from a viewing and sound point of view. The Thursday night final feature "The Winslow Boy" came over very well indeed with Robert Donat holding the viewers entranced.

★ ☆ ★

LOOKING at this week's programme, I notice that TV realises that its chief attraction lies in the TV film feature. I could not agree more. Far better have 15 minutes of a film feature service of top-class merit, than the 15 minutes 'live' music from the Studio. I am all for encouraging local talent so long as it is talent, but one or two singers we have had lately is asking too much of the TV audience, a case of aspiration outstripping inspiration.

★ ☆ ★

I SHOULD say that the top attractions this week occur tonight in Four Star Theatre, and on Thursday, when "The Courtneys of Curzon Street" comes to the screen.

Tonight we shall see Charles Boyer in "Back Stage" while Thursday's film needs no explanation.

★ ☆ ★

AN unusual and very attractive feature comes to the "Children's Hour" tomorrow evening at 5.15 p.m. when little Miss Webb, a ten-year-old English girl will exhibit her private menagerie over TV. I am told she has a remarkable collection of mice, dogs, rabbits, birds, and other creatures to star in this programme. I am told she speaks Cantonese also. A very remarkable young lady. This ties up with the TV programme of getting the children to entertain the children.

★ ☆ ★

SCIENCE Fiction fans had better stead by next Thursday for the best feature ever presented in their programme. It is called "Project 44," and is widely acclaimed by the Science Fiction addicts. It is also given to be the best by both the makers and the exhibitors. So don't forget I told you.

★ ☆ ★

I HAVE just been told that TV has completed a deal that will provide a first class Mandarin film for every Wednesday night for the next year. I do not know how many European viewers follow these features, but I was interested to find some Europeans who are studying Mandarin and Cantonese, following these programmes with the view to improving their studies and entertaining themselves at the same time.

★ ☆ ★

IT is remarkable what big business is going on in the television world with reference to the film industry.

I see that the BBC has bought the television rights of a hundred feature films from the Robin International of New York, the films originally being sold by RKO. The BBC paid £215,000 for the TV rights!

Associated-Rediffusion, back home in the UK, is negotiating a deal with Ealing-ABC, and meanwhile is screening seven British features beginning last month.

This deal with Associated-Rediffusion could mean a market for all the old British films, that is the best ones. But I wonder what will follow. The popularity of reviving old features is falling off in the States. It was good while it lasted, and many a studio recovered some of its loss on one or two old masters which eventually drifted out to the UK and then here.

So, what is the future of the film industry? What will happen to the millionaire stars? It will be fun to watch and see. That is, if you are not in the film business.

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WHAT'S ON TONIGHT

ROXY & BROADWAY: "The Great Locomotive Chase." Fess Parker and Jeff Hunter in the American Civil War.

KING'S & PRINCESS: "Robbery Under Arms." Peter Finch as the Australian Bushranger leader.

LEE & ASTOR: "The Story Of Mankind." An all-star historical drama.

QUEEN'S: "The True Glory." World War II documentary.

ALHAMBRA: "Yangtze Bridge." A Chinese picture.

STAR & METROPOLE: "The Tattered Dress." Jeff Chandler, Jeanne Crain. A courtroom drama.

HOOVER & LIBERTY: "Last Of The Bad Men." George Montgomery in a western.

RITZ: "Over-Exposed." Cleo Moore in a drama.

MAJESTIC & ORIENTAL: "April Love." Pat Boone and Shirley Jones in a musical.

CAPITOL: "Battle Hymn." Rock Hudson as Col. Dean Hess the clergyman turned fighter-pilot in Korea.

Audio And Visual Entertainment

RADIO HONGKONG

6.30, "Julius Caesar"—A series of programmes about the play by William Shakespeare — No. 1, The Historical Background; 6.45, Guy Lupar and his Light Orchestra; 6, Time Signal. In the Groove; 6.30, Classical Requests presented by Aileen Dekker; 6.55, Weather Report; 7, Time Signal. News; 7.10, Commentary; 7.15, Cocktail Time—Gordon Jenkins and his Orchestra; 7.30, Letter from America by Alistair Cooke; 7.45, Music from Switzerland, by Lenbe Tschannen (Prog. 3); 8, Patti Page introduces "The Old Record" with Johnny Ray, The Shepherd Sisters, Errol Garner, Georgia Gibbs, Walter Slezak and Gilene Gine; 8.30, Monday Recital: Lily Ngan (piano), First Mov. from Sonata Op.109 (Beethoven); Intermezzo Op.118, No. 2 (Brahms); Etude Op. 25 No. 1 and Scherzo Op.31 No. 2 (Chopin) Toccata (Khachaturian); 8.56, Weather Report; 9, Time Signal. News and Home News from Britain; 9.15, Movie Magazine edited and produced by Ted Thomas; 9.45, Secrets of Scotland Yard No. 1, Murder in a Kinks House' (Repeat of last Saturday's broadcast); 10.15, Scenes from the 1957 Sun Remo Festival; 10.45, Art Gregory and his Ballroom Orchestra; 10.55, Weather Report; 11, Time signal. Radio Newsreel; 11.15, Reverie; 11.30, Close Down.

REDIFFUSION

5 p.m., Music Matinee; 5.30, Swing Aloft Away With Sammy Kaye; 6, Two For Tea; 6.30, Strictly Instrumental; 6, Children's Corner—"Cast of Characters"—Episode 14—"The Proud Father"—Presented by Jack Shepherd; 6.30, Monday Requests—Presented by Betty; 6.58, Birthday Mailbag; 8, La Musique Francaise—Presented by Jeannette Pity; 6.30, A Moment For Melody—with Felix King, His Piano, Orchestra and vocalists Dorothy Carless and Gerry Grant; 6.45, Story of Jane Armitage; 7, Time Signal and the News; 7.09, Weather Forecast, Announcements and Interlude; 7.15, The Shap Fields Show; 7.30, Mantovani Memories; 7.45, Guy Lombardo and his Royal Canadians; 8, Personality Parade—Norene Tate; 8.15, The Tops In Popular Music presented by Nick Kendall; 8.30, Show Case — Selections from "Frankie and Johnny" Starring Mary Mayo and Danny Scholl; 9, Monday Concert — (Schumann) "Overture Manfred" and "Symphony No. 4 In D Minor"; 9.45, Secrets of Scotland Yard—Narrated by Clive Brooks; 10.15, One Night Stand; 11, Date With Dreamland; 11.30, Prelude To Midnight; 12 Midnight, God Save The Queen. Close Down.

TELEVISION

5 p.m., Children's Hour—Cartoons; 5.15, Puppet Theatre; 5.30 "Steve Donovan, Western Marshal"; 6, Close Down. 7.30, Giancarlo and his Band; 7.45, Newsreel; 8, Jack Webb in "Dragnet"; 8.30, Playhouse Fifteen: "The Dowry"; 9.45, Calling Cards. Introduced by Jack Sloan; 9, Four Star Theatre Presents: Charles Boyer in "Backstage"; 9.30, Cantonese Feature Film! — "Lady Sara — Living Together"; 10.45, Late Night Final. Close Down.

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3
By Air
Pakistan, Middle East, Great Britain, 8 p.m.
Formosa, Japan, 6 p.m.
Thailand Cambodia, Burma, India, 6 p.m.
Laos, 6 p.m.
By Surface
Macao 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4
By Air
Peking, Shanghai, Kunming, Hankow, Hofhow, 8.30 a.m.
Philippines, Noon.
Australia New Zealand, 1 p.m.
Thailand, India Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain and Europe, 6 p.m.
Canada U.S.A., 6 p.m.
Hawaii, 6 p.m.
Korea, 6 p.m.
By Surface
China People's Republic, 9 a.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Malaya, Australia Parcels via Fremantle, 1 p.m.
Korea 1 p.m.
Indo-China, 2 p.m.
Macao 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5
By Surface
China People's Republic, 9 a.m.
Egypt Italy, Switzerland, France, Belgium, Germany & Netherlands, 11 a.m.
Philippines Noon.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Indo-China, 2 p.m.
Malaya, Ceylon Aden, Egypt, Great Britain & Europe, 3 p.m.
Macao 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6
By Surface
China People's Republic, 9 a.m.
Burma, 11 a.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Thailand India, Pakistan, Iraq (S. Gulf Ports, Parcels via Kuwait) (Mails via Bombay & P. India, Parcels via Karachi), 1 p.m.
Philippines, Rabaul 2 p.m.
North Borneo 3 p.m.
Macao 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7
By Surface
China People's Republic, 9 a.m.
Australia, New Zealand, Noon.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Japan, U.S.A., C. & S. American, 2 p.m.
Thailand 3 p.m.
Macao 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8
By Surface
China People's Republic, 9 a.m.
Formosa, 9 a.m.
France, Belgium, Netherlands & Germany 1 p.m.
Malaya, P.E. Africa, S. Africa (N. & S. Rhodesia & Nyasaland Parcels via Europe) Brazil (Argentine Parcels direct), 3 p.m.
Indonesia, 3 p.m.
Japan, U.S.A., C. & S. American, 3 p.m.
Macao 5 p.m.
China People's Republic, 9 p.m.

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

Week's Survey Of US Economy

Easier Credit: A Major Weapon Against Recession

By IVAN ZVERINA

New York, Feb. 2.

Easier credit emerged last week as the major weapon to fight recession but there were warnings not to expect overnight improvement.

True money became more plentiful over the week. The so called "free" reserves of Federal Reserve System banks got up to the first substantial volume in almost a year—some 170 million. These are the reserves that are used as a base for more loans.

More banks all over the country followed the pattern of cutting the discount rate from three per cent to 2¾ per cent and the prime rate of borrowing from 4½ to 4 per cent.

This made the money market conditions favourable to long-term bond refunding and stretching out the opportunity and moved in with a package refunding offer to refinance five securities due to mature between now and April 15.

The Treasury proposed, starting Monday today, to make an exchange offering of three new securities: A 2½ per cent one-year certificate; a 3 per cent six-year bond; and a 3½ per cent 32-year bond.

The total amount involved in the exchange offering is 10.8 billion of which 5 billion is in the hands of the Federal Reserve System. But no cash will be accepted.

A Lift

However, the government bond market was bound to get a lift from this measure and pave the way later for a new offering of long terms for cash.

The stock market, meanwhile, reached its highest levels this past week since early October, and market analysts saw no indication yet that upward trend is culminating. They saw further gains likely and noted with satisfaction that the usual pre-spring rise has materialised despite predictions to the contrary as a result of current gloomy business outlooks.

Easier Credit

Regarding the easier credit, this is where the easier credit policy is expected to help stem the trend before too long, but not immediately:

Through public works projects by state and local governments which had been suspended because of tight credit; in home buying with easier mortgage credit; new investment in plant and equipment; but above all building up of new inventories through lower interest rates.

Two economy surveys by leading business magazines actually forecast an inventory levelling before easier money can really get hold of things. Iron Age magazine says some steel users are trying to hold inventories on an even keel during the first quarter; Fortune Magazine predicts a turn-up in production in late February or March.

Iron Age

The Iron Age survey said 54 per cent of steel users have indicated they will order as much steel in the second quarter as in the first; 36 per cent said they would boost their steel buying in the second quarter; only ten per cent said they might continue cutting inventories of steel into the second quarter.

Actual steel production the week before slipped more than predicted. Mills operated at 55.4 per cent capacity and produced 1,496,000 tons. The predicted amount was 1.5 million tons.

But in Detroit, more cars were still being made than sold. Despite cutbacks in production since December, dealers' new car stocks reached almost 800,000 units by the end of January—50,000 more than at the start of the month.

Studebaker - Packard and Dodge-De Soto assembly plants were back in operation after brief shutdowns and production for the week ending January 25 was at 111,800 some 2,000 more than the previous week.—United Press.

Recovery In Wool Didn't Last Long Enough

London, Feb. 3.

The Financial Times said today that recovery in wool prices had not lasted long enough nor raised prices.

This London businessmen's daily interpreted a decline in Australian wool supplies as an important factor in increasing prices.

Australian prices were also firm because Japanese buying had remained at a high level, it added.

"But so far there is little to suggest that there has been much of an increase in buying of semi-manufactured goods.

"The retail trade is not weakening, but it is also not increasing much, and it is only when the outlook is more encouraging that a sustained rise can be expected.

"But until that happens there will probably be little change in price level."—Reuter.

THE BOMBAY BULLION MARKET

Bombay, Feb. 1.

In the bullion market during the period to January 31 the outstanding feature was the sharp rise in the spot gold premium at the close of the period. This reflected the growing seasonal demand, inadequate supplies and bull pressure on the old contract.

On the other hand, futures were quiet for the most part, but latterly hardened on short covering.

Stocks at the end of the period were 15,000 tolas with arrivals at 4,000 and offtake 5,000 tolas.

Silver fell rather sharply on January 27 under bull liquidation, but later recovered most of the losses, aided by a better offtake and a healthier technical position.

Stocks at the end of the period were 1,100 bars and offtake 25 to 30 bars daily.—China Mail Special.

Bank Of France Statement

Paris, Feb. 2.

The Bank of France statement for the week ended Jan. 23, reads as follows:

	Francs
Total gold holdings	301,304,328,426
Total other currencies	11,143,206,803
Sight balance abroad	11,771,600,000
in EPU	
Advance to Stabilisation Fund	
Total bills discounted	1,800,237,776,818
Bank notes in circulation	8,122,760,333,810
Current accounts and deposits	429,630,618,597

—United Press.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Our Own Correspondent

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately $513,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions were:

Shares.	Buyers	Sellers	Sales
BANKS			
HK Bank ..	830	840	
INSURANCES			
Union	70	72.50	
Lombard ..	32.50		
SHIPPING			
Waterboat ..	10.00		
Wheelock ..	6.30	6.40	500 @ 6.35
			1000 @ 6.35
DOCKS, ETC.			
K. Wharf ..		121	
Dock	50		
Provident (O)	13		
Provident (N)	11.10	11.50	
LAND, ETC.			
HK Hotel ..	16.30	16.60	
HK Land ..	33.25	33.50	901 @ 33.25
			490 @ 33.25
Humphreys	15.50	15.90	
Realty	1.325		
RUBBER			
Amalg	1.275	1.325	5000 @ 1.30
			1777 @ 1.30
			3000 @ 1.30
			2000 @ 1.30
Trust	1.20	1.25	
UTILITIES			
Tram	24.20	24.50	2500 @ 24.30
			500 @ 24.40
			500 @ 24.40
Star Ferry ..	123		
Yaumati ..	95		
C. Light ..	17.20	17.50	5000 @ 17.10
			50 @ 17.10
			500 @ 17.20
			500 @ 17.30
			100 @ 17.30
Electric ...	27.10		275 @ 27
			1000 @ 27.10
			100 @ 27.10
			329 @ 27.10
			500 @ 27.30
			500 @ 27.30
Macao E ..		10.00	
Tel.	26.70		500 @ 20.90
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement	25.80		
Rope		14.90	
STORES, ETC.			
Dairy	16.30	16.50	300 @ 16.40
			500 @ 16.40
			1500 @ 16.40
Watson	12.20		500 @ 12.30
			300 @ 12.30
			100 @ 12.30
L. Crew ..	14		
COTTONS			
Textile ...	4.50		
Nanyang	8.40		
MISCELLANEOUS			
Vibro	16.50		
INVESTMENTS			
Yangtsze ..	0.45		
Sungala ..	1.50		2000 @ 65

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET

New York, Feb. 2.

Cotton futures last week executed a complete turnabout moving sharply higher to abruptly halt a decline which had been under way since mid-December.

Finishing on higher ground for four out of the five sessions, the list at Friday's close showed net gains of 38 to 94 points, or $1.80 to $4.70 a bale higher than the preceding week.

Four factors acting to reverse the trend: 1. Vanishing chances for enactment of legislation in time to apply to the 1958 crop; 2. Agriculture Secretary Ezra T. Benson's announcement that he lacked power to increase the acreage this year; 3. Continued heavy producer entries under the loan programme; 4. Anticipation of a higher government loan rate in the wake of a sharp mid-January parity rise.

Traders also attributed part of the rise to a technical market situation. They reminded that on the decline from the December seasonal highs the market showed a cumulative loss of $10 to $11 a bale to the lows of the previous week.

Raw cotton exports for the season through January 29 as reported by the New York Cotton Exchange, totalled 2,873,932 bales compared with 3,635,206 bales shipped for the same period last season.—United Press.

Gold Dull

Paris, Feb. 1.

Dull conditions ruled on the gold market in the week to January 31. The improvement in France's foreign payments position and the success of the M. Monnet mission to secure substantial dollar loans were mainly responsible for the downtrend, traders said.

In fairly active dealings, where pressure was noted on the light in particular, prices eased gradually.—China Mail Special.

NAMESAKES

Ahwaren—1 Variety, 2 Star, 3 Brigadoon, 4 Projection, 5 Comedy, 6 Hollywood, 7 Manhattan, 8 Screen, 9 Rhode, 10 Newport.

Van Johnson.

New York Stock Market Review

By ELMER WALZER

New York, Feb. 2.

Stocks gained irregularly during the past week, netted good gains for the month of January, and were well below the levels of a year ago in all but the utility section.

Industrial shares alone of the major groups lost ground on the week with strong opposition to the advance developing in the area of a bit above the 460 level. The group closed at 450.02 in the average, off 0.64 on the week and up 14.33 points for January.

Railroads made the best showing although they closed the week below their best. Their average at 109.04 was up 1.41 on the week and up 12.08 on the month.

Utilities were up 0.34 on the week, up 1.34 on the month of January and up 9.09 points from the level of a year ago.

The market ran into a snarl on Monday after the weekend suicide and Alleghany Corp. neither of these issues was in difficulty, however, and New York Central lost only 25 cents on the week.

Shipbuilding issues got a lift late in the week when some companies received big government contracts. Autos picked up a little either way. Oils were irregular with Jersey Standard down a fraction.

That company with record sales of nearly 6 billion showed a dip in fourth quarter net which left earnings for 1957 at $3.05 a share against $4.11 in 1956.

Royal Dutch featured the market in tournover and gained more than a point. Bethlehem, next in volume, held steady. U. S. Steel was third with a gain of nearly a point, Jersey Standard fourth and Alleghany Corp. fifth.

Sales for the week averaged 2,130,821 shares daily against an average of 2,324,274 in the previous week and 1,609,678 a year ago. For January sales were 49,871,356, against 48,160,955 in 1957, and the best since 1955 when January sales touched 74,045,958, most for the month since 1929.

The rise in January restored 14.33 per cent of the 1957 loss in industrials, 12.08 per cent in rails and 28 per cent in the 65 stocks.

A total of 87 new 1957-58 highs was set and 12 issues made new lows for that period.—United Press.

NEW YORK COTTON GOODS

New York, Feb. 2.

New business in basic textile markets — cotton, wool, rayon, hard fibres and yarns—continued at a low ebb last week.

Buyer cautiousness, apparent since late last autumn, appeared to increase in face of the broadcasted business picture, highlighting recession talk and a rising rate of unemployment.

In cotton goods, availability of second-hand goods at below mill prices put the quietus on other buying. Mills generally held the price line and indicated intention to make further production cutbacks rather than cut prices or accumulate inventories.

Elsewhere, brokers said the volume of resales was not particularly pressing, but they were more than enough to satisfy the small day-to-day demand. "Any reasonable pick-up in buying," this coterie felt, "will quickly change the second-hand picture."

Moreover, mills became increasingly concerned over the rising cost of desirable grades of raw cotton. Complaints became more audible about the "squeeze between cloth prices and cotton costs."

However, warnings sounded elsewhere suggested that any tendency to boost cloth prices to compensate for cotton costs might well react to the benefit of rayon goods.

Already there had been an increasing use of rayon for industrial purposes, reported Robert T. Stevens, President, J. P. Stevens & Company.

Stevens said the 1957 quotas on Japanese cotton cloth exports to the United States had worked out reasonably of imports of Japanese woollens and worsteds. He said his organisation has been working on this problem.—United Press.

Thai Govt Rice Restriction

Bangkok, Feb. 2.

A Thai Economic Affairs Ministry spokesman said today the Government would allocate just under 100,000 tons of rice for export each month throughout the rest of the year.

Actual division of this export quota among the traders would be left to the rice trade itself to handle, he said.

The Ministry would tell the traders certain amounts had to be shipped to Thailand's regular customers and countries with whom Thailand had government-to-government contracts.

The spokesman said the new system, which had been introduced because the government allocation of quotas last year had come under criticism, would continue as long as traders "do not cheat farmers over paddy prices and do not use tricky devices to exceed the monthly quota and on condition that they maintain the quality of shipments."

He said a monthly allocation of about 100,000 tons had been fixed because Thailand's export surplus had been estimated at one million tons with 200,000 tons carryover.—Reuter.

Britain Has A Chance

London, Feb. 3.

Britain has a good chance this year to cut prices and beat inflation, an article in the British Treasury's "Bulletin For Industry" said today.

It said: "In the past three years manufacturing industry has acquired a great deal of new plant, machinery and factory space. Not much of this has yet been reflected in higher output per man employed.

"This still unrealised prospect for increased productivity, together with the recent fall in import cost, gives an opportunity for price reductions this year, provided there is restraint in seeking higher incomes and therefore, some stability in home costs."—China Mail Special.

Bank Of England Statement

London, Feb. 2.

The Bank of England statement for the week ended Jan. 29, reads as follows:

	Sterling
Notes in circulation	1,977,127,431
Public deposits	24,251,436
Private deposits	170,000,000
Government securities	1,977,000,000
Other securities	47,000,000
Reserve	48,878,795
Ratio	15.4

—United Press.

GOLD BARS DISPLAY FIRMER TENDENCY

Zurich, Feb. 1.

The gold bar market displayed a firmer tendency on a limited turnover in the week to January 30.

Rumours from Canada that the United States would soon increase the parity price of gold supported the market and the subsequent denial has failed so far to modify the trend substantially.

As a seller of gold the Bank of England was very reserved.

There was a constant demand from the Middle and Far East, but there was little from South America.

No arbitrage dealings took place because there was no margin.

The turnover in gold coins was very limited. The Sovereign tended to decline on sales of old and newly-minted coins by the Bank of England. The 20-Mark gold piece was steady on an active demand.

Napoleons maintained their prices in limited dealings while Vrenelis were barely changed.—China Mail Special.

LONDON STOCK MARKET

London, Feb. 2.

Dollars poured into London last week to enjoy the sensation of earning 6 per cent plus from an investment in cozy British Treasury bills. This demand for sterling lifted the latter to 2.81⅛ at the end of the week, the highest it has reached since August, 1954.

But some of the "hot" money is believed to have gone into British government stocks; at any rate, quite a lot of money did, lifting War Loan 16/3 and Old Consols 7/6. The Financial Times index of government stocks closed the week at 80.80, the highest yet reached in the face of the 7 per cent bank rate.

This brings us to the week's big headache—should or should not the government lower bank rate to, say, 6½ or even 6 per cent in order to protect the economy from "hot money"?

To many it seems an obvious common-sense solution, but others—in high places—seem to believe that such a move would be translated abroad as proof of British "softness," of British reluctance to continue the battle against inflation.

Into this agitated world of top-hatted men came the shock of General Electrics interim earnings report, with the interim dividend slashed 1 per cent of 3½ per cent, and the candid announcement that profits are falling heavily and that the final dividend may have to come down.

The well-known industrial ones had strong buying and, some of them, strong selling. Unilever rose 3/-, Bowaters Paper 2/, Rolls Royce and De Villand 1/6 and many others, headed by Ford Motors and Imperial Chemicals, gained 11/-. But Electricals had some severe pressure, with the unfortunate General Electric down 4/-, and the electronic stars, C. A. Parsons and Reyrolle, down 1/6.

Oils were haphazard in their movements. Royal Dutch enjoyed a rise of 5/- and Shell Transport 1/6, while British Petroleum was unchanged and Burmah down a shilling.

Japanese were strong in spots. The non-assenteds of the 1930s and the 1910s rose £1½ and those of the 1899s and the Tokyo 5½ per cent were up £1. Assenteds were up £1 or £1½.

German Dawes Loan assented lost £1½ and the non-assented ½. The Young Loan non-assented eased £1.

Dollar stocks had an irregular week, with gains and losses well spread, but the premium remained unchanged at 8½ per cent.—United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:—

U.S. dollar (per $1)	4.82
Sterling notes (per £1)	11.54
Australian notes (per £1)	11.25
Indonesian rupiah (per 100)	1.35
Siam tical (per 100)	21.00
Singapore (Straits)	1.53

US Manufacturers To Invest More Abroad

by Alfred T. Zodda

New York, Feb. 2.

American manufacturers will invest abroad at an unprecedented rate in 1958. Their investments, together with those of other manufacturers, will tend to shift the emphasis of world trade market-site production.

These are the reasons behind this trend:

There will be intensification of efforts by foreign countries to preserve precious dollars.

The growth of nationalism will lead to greater efforts to reduce dependence on imports of foreign manufacturers.

Many nations will step up efforts to attract foreign capital by offering special incentives.

The recession in American business will cause management to look overseas for sources of income.

It is expected that such organisations as the Export-Import Bank, World Bank, and International Co-operation Administration will play an important role in stimulating foreign investment.

Manufacturing investment is now flowing from the United States into other countries at the rate of more than 700 million a year. Present trends would indicate that by the end of this year the flow may raise to an annual level of nearly a billion dollars.

Manufacturing investment is still, however, only about 1/6 of the total of annual U.S. overseas investments, now estimated at 4.2 billion dollars a year. There is ample room for increases.

The rate of investments should rise because market-site manufacture has been proved to impart specific economic advantages. It enables the manufacturer, regardless of the nationality of the company, to operate often at the source of raw or intermediate materials and at the point of principal distribution.

The long haul — raw materials exported to plants in the United States, processed goods shipped back to the overseas market — is being eliminated. Local labour is being trained, local facilities developed. And American business finds it can produce just as economically abroad with production methods similar to the United States.

The increasing trend toward market site production and overseas manufacturing investment will have far reaching economics affects on the so-called "underdeveloped area," which in reality are—economically speaking — the fastest growing countries in the world.

It will enable vital foreign exchange savings by young nations now faced with recurring trade deficits, broaden the economic base of "one crop" countries—those relying largely on exports such as coffee, rubber or sugar, and spur industrial development in Latin America, Asia and Africa.

U.S. investors already have nearly 17 billion in the fast growing areas of Latin America, the Middle East, Asia and Africa. New capital is flowing from the United States to Latin America at the rate of 1.2 billion yearly, to the Middle East, Asia and Africa at a 625 million rate.

Because of the heavy influence of petroleum investment in Latin America and the Middle East, the percentage of actual manufacturing investment is still low.

Its increase in this and coming years will be the key to economic diversification in these areas, enabling healthy development of fast-growing countries.

Without diversification, their economies are subject to rapid swings up or down, to critical inflation or equally sharp deflation.

The role U.S. manufacturers are already playing in this field is reflected in late figures on sales by their overseas branches and subsidiaries. Some 2,500 U.S. firms have such overseas operations. Last year, goods made abroad were worth 32 billion. Some were even exported to the United States.

The importance of this shift toward market-site production outside the United States is evident from contrasting figures on the value of goods exported by the parent firms in the United States during the same period.

They totalled 26 billion—6 billion less than the value of goods produced by them abroad.

The significance of this trend is not altogether economic. It leads directly to higher purchasing power, better living standards, improved health, declining mortality, particularly in those world areas where a fast-growing population might otherwise outpace food supplies.

American and other business, by virtue of the economic drive to produce profitably, is thus helping to build a more balanced world, breaking down the perilous distinction between the "have" and the "have not" nations.

The effect is already evident in much of Latin America, where new industrial areas have crippled the purchasing power of the population in a decade. Areas of concentrated American investment, such as the state of Sao Paulo in Brazil, are models of what the future can bring when American and local enterprise co-operates in their mutual benefit.

During this new year, the effect will become increasingly evident in wide areas of Asia, the Middle East and Africa as well. American Manufacturing capital, in its own interest, is seeking world outlets. The areas receiving investment capital make judicious use of it and have a ready-made road to their goal of national well-being.—United Press.

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GERMAN SCIENTIST'S CLAIM

Hamburg, Feb. 2.

A German rocket specialist said today that he had built a rocket which could carry a load of three tons for a distance of 1,875 miles in the Soviet Union as early as 1950.

Helmut Groettrup, former assistant to German-American rocket expert, Werner von Braun at the Peenemunde test centre, told the Agence France-Presse: "Even today, the corresponding American missiles have not yet gotten that far."

Groettrup said the 112-foot missile was propelled by liquid fuel and had neither wings nor rudders. "It was a pure ballistic missile of a very elongated shape," he added.

Groettrup, however, stressed that the Soviet artificial satellites were not the work of deported German scientists or technicians, and warned the West against the temptation of underestimating Soviet technical capacities.

INITIAL PROGRESS

German scientists in the Soviet Union had only contributed to the initial progress of Soviet researchers, he said.

Groettrup added: "After 1950-51, no more deported German specialists were placed in charge of missile constructions."

Groettrup, who now works in the subsidiary of an American company in Pforzheim, said he was deported to the Soviet Union in 1945 with most of the employees of the Peenemunde centre.

After having built the ballistic missile, he was interned for three years in a "silence camp", where he had no more contact with the outside world, he said. He was freed in 1950.—France-Presse.

Nobel Prize Winner

Charlottesville, Feb. 2.

Dr Clinton J. Davisson, co-winner of the Nobel Prize in physics in 1937, died at his home here last night. He was 76.

Davisson won the Nobel Prize for his discovery at Bell Telephone Laboratories of electron diffraction, and the wave properties of electrons. He shared the prize with Professor G. P. Thompson of Great Britain, who had worked in the same field.—United Press.

ATOMIC-POWERED ROCKET IN FEW YEARS

Washington, Feb. 2.

Chairman Lewis L. Strauss said today the Atomic Energy Commission should be able to develop an atomic-powered rocket within "a reasonable period — a little longer than two or three years."

He said the atomic rocket would be more efficient than the engines in present rockets, would have a longer life and would be able to "take care of greater payloads." He said that was why the Commission started the project back in 1954-55.

Mr Strauss, appearing on the NBC-TV programme, "Meet the Press", declined to put in a claim that the Atomic Commission be given charge of the US outer space programme. But he advocated that one agency be given charge of the programme rather than have projects scattered throughout the Government.

Proposals

A number of proposals have been advanced in Congress to give the Atomic Commission control of the space programme. Also, several Democrats have criticised the Administration on grounds it has not made enough money available for work on an atomic-powered rocket.

Senator Clinton P. Anderson, Vice-Chairman of the House-Senate Atomic Energy Committee and head of its subcommittee on outer space propulsion, has introduced a bill to give the AEC $150 million for work on nuclear rockets.

Senator Albert Gore has introduced legislation authorising up to $1,000,000,000 for the atomic rocket programme, among other things.

Mr Strauss was asked just how long it would be before the Commission's work on atomic rockets would pay off. He first replied that it would be "within a reasonable period of years."

Asked whether he meant two or three years, he replied: "A little longer."

Neck And Neck

Mr Strauss challenged the claim made last Friday by R.A. Butler, acting Prime Minister in the House of Commons, that the British were ahead of both the United States and Russia in the drive to convert the energy of the hydrogen bomb for peaceful uses.

Mr Strauss, flatly declaring "I don't accept" Mr Butler's statement, said he did not know what Russia was doing, but that "no one is ahead" so far as Britain and the US are concerned.

He said the British and American programmes were "as nearly neck and neck as any race could be."—United Press.

SAUDI ARABIA REJECTS 3 DEMANDS

Beirut, Feb. 2.

Crown Emir Faisal of Saudi Arabia flatly rejected three demands by Egyptian President, Gamal Abdel Nasser, during secret negotiations in January, the Beirut newspaper "Nahar", quoting reliable Lebanese sources, reported today.

The conversations aimed at ironing out difficulties between Arab countries and especially those which cropped up last year between Egypt and Saudi Arabia.

No communique was published after the talks and Faisal left the day before the United State of Egypt and Syria was proclaimed, the paper said.

CONDITION

The three demands, presented as a condition for a reassessment for the Egyptian attitude towards Saudi Arabia were, according to the paper:

★ **Withdrawal of Saudi Arabian forces from Jordan.**

★ **Stopping of Saudi subsidies to Jordan, paid under the Syrian-Egyptian-Saudi aid agreement. (Syria and Egypt have stopped the subsidies since last year.)**

★ **Annulling of the agreement between the Saudi government and the United States on the Dahran airfield.**
—France-Presse.

FIGHTING WORDS BY LIM

Singapore, Feb. 2.

The Chief Minister, Mr Lim Yew-hock, today called on his Labour Front Party followers to make a "fighting comeback" in the approaching rural district and legislative assembly elections.

The moderate Labour Front was heavily defeated by the leftist People's Action Party in the recent city council elections.

ANTI-CHINESE

Mr Lim, who was addressing a Party branch called upon Labour Front members to "hit back" at those who branded him and his government as being anti-Chinese.

"Don't just agree with them because they shout louder. Argue back," he said.

"And when they tell you I am anti-Chinese because I have sent some Chinese left-wing politicians to gaol do not just nod your heads non-committally. Hit back, and tell them what has been done is for the good of all, if we are to put our house in order."—Reuter.

TURKISH PRES. FOR LIBYA

Istanbul, Feb. 2.

President Celal Bayer left here today for Libya aboard the Turkish destroyer Gemlik, escorted by two other destroyers and two submarines.

Foreign Minister Fatim Zorlu will fly to Libya on Tuesday to join the President. He had originally been scheduled to sail with Bayer.

At the same time, it was officially announced that Turkish fleet units would carry out exercises in the Mediterranean while the President is in Libya.
—United Press.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"The woman pays all right! Eddie says he can't raise the dough for a movie date for a month—his dad is taking my birthday present out of his allowance!"

DAUGHTER DENIES ASSISTING HER MOTHER

Ho Sau-mei, a 34-year-old married woman, who together with her mother Keung Chi-ching, 54, is charged with procuring an abortion, declared during cross-examination in the Criminal Sessions this morning that she did not assist her mother in the alleged offence.

She further declared that she did not know what her mother was doing when two women called at their address on October 27.

The two accused are charged with procuring an abortion for a dance hostess, Lam Ching, in a rear cubicle of an address in Russell Street, on October 28 last.

The trial is before Mr Justice A. D. Scholes and a Jury of five men and two women.

Mr W. A. Blair-Kerr, Senior Crown Counsel, is prosecuting, assisted by Det. Insp. T. Chalmers.

Accused are defended by Mr H. L. Hu, instructed by Peter Sin and Co.

With Friends

In her evidence this morning, the second accused (Ho Sau-mei) said she came to Hongkong from Canton towards the end of 1956 in order to receive treatment for an illness. She stayed for the most part with her mother. Her husband also came to Hongkong and lived with friends.

Ho said that the complainant (Lam Ching) and another woman (Ting Ching-man) called twice at the premises on October 25. She was present on both occasions, but was not at home when they paid a third visit the same day late in the evening.

The two women came again on October 27. Her father and her aunt were present but left soon afterwards. She herself was waiting for her husband to take her out.

Shortly afterwards her mother asked her to fetch a torchlight. She flashed the light for a moment. Later her mother asked for some cotton wool. She brought it but her mother did not want it, second accused said.

Mr Hu: Did you know what was your mother doing then?

Second accused: I did not know.

Do you remember Lam Ching in evidence said that on October 28 she left some money on the table and you took it?—I did not.

Were you on the premises on October 28?—I was not there.

Second accused admitted in cross-examination that she had seen a certain instrument kept in a jar. She did not know what it was used for. She did not see other instruments (produced as Court exhibits).

Second accused said she had no idea what sort of practice her mother usually carried on. She knew that she (her mother) used to give injections to patients and also attended to babies.

She was not dependent on her mother for her livelihood. She had her meals with her, but her husband gave her money for pocket expenses.

Ho said she did not hear any conversation between her mother and Lam Ching when the latter called on October 27. She flashed the light on for a moment and then her mother pushed her hand.

She said she saw Lam Ching lying on a bed, but did not see the manner of examination allegedly carried out by her mother.

Mr Blair-Kerr: Lam Ching and Ting Ching-man said in evidence that you shone that torch on Lam Ching while she was being examined.

Second accused: I don't know. My mother pushed my hand and my hand stopped at that position.

And then she asked you to get some cotton wool? — Yes. I fetched a piece of cotton wool for her, but she did not take it.

And it never occurred to you to see what your mother was doing on the two occasions she asked you to do something for her?—In fact I did not notice their action.

Denial

She denied she knew what her mother was doing. She further denied that she was there to assist her mother.

Mr Blair-Kerr: I put it to you formally that you were present during that time on October 27 ready, willing and able to assist your mother in this abortion.

Second Accused: No.

Hearing is continuing.

Economics Lecture

A meeting of the HKU Economics Society will be held at 5.15 p.m. today in room 213, University Main Building.

Mr E. F. Szczepanik, Senior Lecturer in Economics at the University, will speak on the ECAFE trade conference held recently in Bangkok.

The speaker was one of the three delegates representing Hongkong at the conference.

Members of the public are invited to attend.

LIBEL SUIT AGAINST NEWSPAPER

Hearing of a libel suit brought by the leader of a Taiwan sightseeing mission against a local vernacular daily newspaper commenced before Judge James Wicks at the Victoria District Court this morning.

The plaintiff is Mr Yeung Sheung-ki, a liaison officer of the Rennie's Mill Refugee Camp Relief Committee, of No. 2 Liberty Avenue, ground floor, Homantin. He is represented by Mr F. H. B. Wong, of Messrs C. Y. Kwan and Co.

Defendants are the Inside Observation Daily News; Wan Tse-ying, woman publisher; and Wang Hing Printing Press, printers. Kung Kit, the editor of the paper, appeared in Court on behalf of the newspaper, publisher and printers.

Plaintiff, who is suing for damages of $5,000 with costs, alleges that on November 22 last, defendants had printed an article in connection with a visit of a Taiwan sightseeing mission, of which he was a leader. The plaintiff claims that he has in consequence been injured in his character, credit and reputation.

Returned To HK

Mr Yeung testified that the mission to Taiwan comprised 37 members and the party left by ss Szechuen on October 7 last, returning to Hongkong on November 14 last.

On November 22 last, he noticed a large headline concerning his mission displayed prominently on the front page of the defendants' newspaper. He further found that on page four of the newspaper, there was an article on his mission to Taiwan.

Reading the article, plaintiff said, he understood the name "Young" as mentioned in the article referred to him. He also denied the various allegations against him in the article.

Hearing is continuing.

Terrorists Demand Food

Singapore, Feb. 2.

A seven-man terrorist gang today kidnapped and later released a plantation telephone operator in Johore State, southern Malaya.

The gang entered the telephone exchange in the early hours of the morning, and demanded food and money from the operator.

When he refused to supply them, they took him some distance away and released him with a warning not to report the incident.

Security patrols are now hunting the gang with tracker dogs.—Reuter.

WOMAN KILLED

An 83-year-old woman sustained fatal injuries when she was knocked down by a private car on the Sha Tau Kok Road near Ma Cheuk Ling Village at 12.25 p.m. yesterday.

The deceased was Yau Ah-kwan who lived at an unnumbered hut at Sek Kiu Tau.

Another woman, Ng Hung, was slightly injured when she was knocked down by a double decker bus in Clear Water Bay Road near the junction of Wong Tai Sin Main Street yesterday morning. A one-year-old baby girl she was carrying on her back, was also injured. Both the woman and the baby are receiving treatment in Kowloon Hospital.

A cyclist, Cheng Fu, living in Shek Kip Mei New Village was injured when he collided with a private van in Argyle Street near the junction of Portar Road yesterday morning.

The radio aerial and three car badges were stolen from a private car parked in Wongneichong Road between 3 p.m. on Saturday and 2 p.m. yesterday.

TENANCY TRIBUNAL HEARING

Premises comprising a firewood store and knitting shop, with a dark, narrow staircase to the second floor, and described as a fire hazard, were the subject of exemption proceedings this morning.

Mr Wong Yick-wan with two co-owners, made an application to replace Nos. 147/149, Un Chau Street, between Camp Street and Kiu Kiang Street, Shamshuipo, with two modern six-storey structures costing $120,000, in accordance with plans drawn up by Mr F. H. Li, authorised architect.

Members of the Tribunal hearing the application were Mr. H. H. B. How, President, Mr Michael Jebsen and Mr Chen Kam-cheung.

Mr F. I. Zimmern of Messrs F. Zimmern and Co, who appeared for the applicants, informed the Tribunal that settlement had been reached with some of the occupiers on the basis of $13.50 to $14 per square foot. He said that bed spaces tenants had accepted $500 and cubicles averaged $1,400 in compensation.

Mr J. B. Slack of Messrs Hastings and Co, and Mr E. Cheung of Messrs P. Mo and Co., reserved their rights to cross-examine the applicant who gave evidence of financial ability to carry out the scheme.

An adjournment was ordered for further discussion.

Old Shanghai Resident Buried

Mr C. F. V. Ribeiro, a well-known Shanghai resident, died in Macao on Saturday after a short illness.

Mr Ribeiro, who was 65, was born in Hongkong where he received his education. He was connected with the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd and the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank here. In 1932, he migrated to Shanghai where he remained till 1953 when he came through Hongkong on his way to settle down in Macao.

In Shanghai he was connected with the French Tramways and the Ewo Brewery.

Mr Ribeiro is survived by his widow, Mrs Beatrize Ribeiro, who is now in Macao, a married daughter Mrs Paulino King in Shanghai and a son, Mr Nado.

Mr Ribeiro was buried on Sunday.

Death Of Prominent Resident

Mr Eugene Penn, a member of the Chinese business community, died after a long illness yesterday at his residence at No. 209, Prince Edward Road. He was 63.

Mr Penn was General Manager of Messrs E. Penn Co. and Managing Director of the E. Penn Industrial Manufactory, Ltd. He was, for many years, a member of the Kowloon Rotary Club.

Mr Penn is survived by his widow, the former Miss Butterfly Wu, the film star, a son, Mr David Penn, and a married daughter residing in Scotland.

The funeral service will be held at the Hongkong Funeral Home at 2 p.m. today.

From the Files

25 years AGO

A DISASTROUS fire occurred in Canton on Tuesday evening (Jan. 31) shortly before midnight and burned a few motor trucks and cars in a corrugated iron shed erected outside the compound of the Wallace Harper and Co., Ltd., Canton branch, in Fung Ning Road. A sad feature of the fire was the panic caused at the Tai Ping Theatre next door where hundreds of spectators at the Chinese musical show rushed to the entrance.

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Abigal writes in her column under Women's World: American fruits such as lemons, oranges, grapes, apples and grapefruits are on display on every stall (Central Market). A really good quality of American eating apple sells at 24 cents per lb.

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A LARGE audience at the Helena May Institute yesterday afternoon listened to Mr Harry Ore's brilliant pianoforte recital. Outstanding in a first class programme was Beethoven's famous Sonata Appassionata. Mr Ore played this long and difficult but exquisitely beautiful piece from memory. Not one sheet of music was used for any of the other eleven numbers. A most pleasing number was Chinese Moon Song one of Mr Ore's own compositions. Local music-lovers were glad to welcome him back to Hongkong from Manila.

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A Canton newspaper reports that in Fa Yuen District a village youth of 11 has become father of a son, much to the bewilderment of his parents. The mother is a girl of 10. They are not married, but that is being arranged.

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HELSINGFORS: A plan to connect the Baltic with the White Sea, and join the Gulf of Finland to the Black Sea, is being discussed at Kieff by Russia's leading technical experts and engineers. Five rivers, the Dnieper, Volga, Dunai, Kama and Neva, will play their part in this ambitious undertaking, and a system of locks and dams is suggested to render the waterways navigable by ships of large tonnage.

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LAMMERT Brothers announced the sale by public auction on Saturday, February 4: a quantity of valuable household furniture and one Morris Cowley motor car and one portable garage.

Wanted to buy — Will buy talking mynah bird, must be good and English speaking; leaving February 8 E. H. Lewis, Room 522, Gloucester Building.

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Mr R. H. St Amory won the Open Amateur Golf Championship of Siam for the third successful year last month, beating Phya Sri Banja by four and three.

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SYDNEY: After having been 56 days at sea, the steamer Chelsea, 4,804 tons, arrived at Sydney today from Immingham, England. The vessel made the 12,500-mile trip without calling at an intermediate port. A voyage of such length is rarely made by a steamer. The vessel left Immingham with 1,500 tons of coal, and will leave for Shanghai tonight without a cargo of wheat. The engines which are of the triple expansion, super-heated type, performed remarkably well.

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A number of local motorists propose forming a motor-cycle club. A meeting is to be held tomorrow evening and, according to a circular, all those interested are asked to meet at the City Hall car park at 8 p.m. The meeting is to be held in some convenient place for the purpose of electing a Club Captain, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer and a Working Committee of three.

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THE first Police dance of the season will be held at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, Exchange Building, on Friday, February 7, from 8.30 p.m. to 1 a.m. The charge for admission which will also include refreshments will be $3 for gentlemen, ladies by courtesy.

Only a few more days to go —

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